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- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: Hello, everybody. Thank you very
- 2 much for joining us once again. We're in another venue due to
- 3 a schedule conflict with the PUD. I apologize for not
- 4 identifying the scheduling conflict earlier. Karen did let us
- 5 know which days that facility was available and wasn't
- 6 available, but yet somehow I still managed to double book us.
- 7 Anyway, thank you very much to Karen and Jennifer, they
- 8 scrambled and found us an alternative location because the
- 9 other fire house is also booked. I think the Boy Scouts or
- 10 somebody had it. Thank you very much to the both of you.
- 11 Let's start by going around the table. As always,
- 12 RAB members please identify yourselves. Anybody else, you're
- 13 welcome to identify yourself at your discretion. You don't
- 14 have to by any means.
- 15 VALERIE LANE: Valerie Lane, RAB.
- 16 BRUCE OVERBAY: Bruce Overbay, RAB.
- 17 DON WASTLER: Don Wastler, Restoration Advisory
- 18 Board, Camp Bonneville neighbor.
- 19 IAN RAY: Ian Ray, RAB.
- 20 JEROEN KOK: Jeroen Kok, Vancouver/Clark Parks and
- 21 Recreation Department, Clark County representative.
- 22 CHUCK MASON: Chuck Mason, public.
- 23 KAREN KINGSTON: Karen Kingston, neighbor and
- 24 community co-chair.
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: Eric Waehling, Camp Bonneville BEC,

- 1 Army co-chair.
- 2 GREG JOHNSON: Greg Johnson, Department of Ecology.
- 3 BEN FORSON: Ben Forson, Department of Ecology.
- 4 SEAN SHELDRAKE: Sean Sheldrake, EPA.
- 5 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Christine Sutherland, RAB.
- 6 BUD VAN CLEVE: Bud Van Cleve, Northeast Hazel Dell
- 7 Neighborhood Association and RAB.
- 8 ERIN MIDDLEWOOD: Erin Middlewood with The
- 9 Columbian.
- 10 DON STRICK: Don Strick with Clark County.
- 11 ED MARSH: Ed Marsh, FBI.
- 12 GAYNOR DAWSON: My name is Gaynor Dawson. I'll be
- 13 speaking a little later on groundwater issues out there.
- 14 DAWN HOPPER: Dawn Hopper with Ecology.
- 15 JENNIFER WALTERS: Jennifer Walters, BRAC and Camp
- 16 Bonneville administrative coordinator.
- 17 BRIAN VINCENT: Brian Vincent with Clark County.
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: I think that's everybody. There's
- 19 plenty of room at the table, anybody that wants to join us.
- 20 Do you have anything?
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: Do you have any updates?
- 22 ERIC WAEHLING: I do. I wanted to give you a chance
- 23 to say anything you wanted to before we get started.
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: I welcome all the visitors that
- 25 we've got here today, Erin and whatnot. Go ahead and then

- 1 I'll hit on this stuff.
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: Just a quick update under the Base
- 3 Cleanup Team. There were two BCT meetings. We had one
- 4 meeting to discuss some comments, clarify some comments on the
- 5 Landfill 4 document, which I believe you all have copies of.
- 6 In fact, I know you do because I got some questions from some
- 7 folks. We had a meeting to walk through one question in
- 8 particular, which you'll see when we update the document.
- 9 There was a little bit of different interpretation of
- 10 groundwater flow data. In my non-hydrogeologist -- it wasn't
- 11 a radical interpretation, but a somewhat different
- 12 interpretation of how to interpret that data.
- 13 Unfortunately, Sean wasn't available for that
- 14 meeting, but it was pretty quick and painless, wouldn't you
- 15 say, Ben?
- 16 BEN FORSON: Yes.
- 17 JEROEN KOK: Can you tell us when that meeting was?
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: It was last Wednesday.
- 19 BEN FORSON: Last Wednesday, yes.
- 20 JEROEN KOK: Thank you.
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: Then this wasn't necessarily
- 22 directly related to cleanup issues at Bonneville, but we also
- 23 had a meeting with Ecology to discuss the order. As part of
- 24 the order process, Ben can expand on this, Department of
- 25 Ecology is required to have a public meeting associated with

- 1 that. We had a coordination meeting to discuss that.
- 2 Those are all the meetings that I recall.
- 3 As far as Landfill 4, Gaynor Dawson will be talking
- 4 after our break, talking about the Landfill 4 -- excuse me,
- 5 not Landfill 4.
- 6 BEN FORSON: Site plan.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: I misspoke. As far as Landfill 4
- 8 goes, at the last meeting, I told you I would be getting --
- 9 I'm getting myself confused. I apologize.
- 10 As you know, the Army's intent is to remove the
- 11 contents of Landfill 4 this field season, if possible. The
- 12 scope of work is out for bid right now. We expect to have our
- 13 bids back next week, and selection of a bidder a week
- 14 following or soon thereafter. In the meantime, we're in a bit
- 15 of a holding pattern until we see what the contractors come
- 16 back with prices and proposals.
- 17 IAN RAY: When you say "remove the contents," does
- 18 that mean dig it out?
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: Dig it out to remove sources that
- 20 potentially are adding to the groundwater issues that we have
- 21 up there.
- 22 JEROEN KOK: Does that include removing contaminated
- 23 soil?
- 24 ERIC WAEHLING: Yes.
- 25 JEROEN KOK: Or remediating it on-site?

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: Either remediation or removal,
- 2 bringing it to a conforming disposal facility. That's one of
- 3 the areas of flexibility we allow the contractor so they can
- 4 make the best economic choice as to whether it makes more
- 5 sense to treat the soil on-site somehow or just to transport
- 6 it someplace else. That's an engineering economic decision.
- 7 JEROEN KOK: Does that get reviewed by the
- 8 regulators?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Absolutely.
- 10 BEN FORSON: We will review it. If they decide to
- 11 treat it on-site, we will assess the technology that they want
- 12 to use. There are several end-point tests that has to be run
- 13 to make sure that the cleanup has been completed and that
- 14 long-term effectiveness has been established.
- 15 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm agreeing.
- 16 BEN FORSON: If they're going to treat it on-site,
- 17 the idea is they're going to treat it and put it back, so we
- 18 have to make sure.
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: Right.
- 20 KAREN KINGSTON: Actually, it's directed to both of
- 21 you. Is one of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility
- 22 Study treatments on-site burning the soil and doing a burn?
- 23 BEN FORSON: They haven't said anything about what
- 24 they're going to do.
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: Let me give a hypothetical then.

- 1 If it was going to be burned, would Ecology have in place a
- 2 procedure that would notify all of the residents within a
- 3 perimeter of Camp Bonneville that they would be burning the
- 4 contaminated soil?
- 5 BEN FORSON: In fact, yes, they will prepare a work
- 6 plan. That work plan, sure, they will have the chance.
- 7 KAREN KINGSTON: Just in the hypothetical?
- 8 BEN FORSON: Yes.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: There's a public comment process?
- 10 BEN FORSON: Yes. The public will get the chance to
- 11 comment on that work plan.
- 12 KAREN KINGSTON: Good.
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: As far as Landfill 4, that's the
- 14 current status. Hopefully by the next meeting we'll have an
- 15 idea of how much it's going to cost, who's going to do it.
- 16 We'll see.
- 17 That is all that I have.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: The membership subcommittee met
- 19 between meetings here. They voted a chairperson. It's Coleen
- 20 Broad. I give kudos to Coleen for standing up and taking that
- 21 on. They have decided, as a group, everybody attended, to
- 22 have a membership drive. They've written up a notice that
- 23 they wish to have publicized in the four newspapers, The
- 24 Columbian, The Oregonian, the Camas I can't remember the
- 25 name of the paper out of Camas and The Reflector.

- 1 Would that be a problem for me to hand over a notice
- 2 for a membership drive to Jennifer?
- 3 ERIC WAEHLING: Notice to have published?
- 4 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes.
- 5 ERIC WAEHLING: No, that shouldn't be a problem.
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: I don't know, can one of you,
- 7 either Ian or Christine, you're the only ones here, and Don,
- 8 did one of you want to speak up and say anything about the
- 9 membership meeting? You're waiting for the next one?
- 10 DON WASTLER: Actually, we attended and we agreed -
- 11 it was actually Christine's idea, I thought it was a very good
- 12 one that we would have sort of like a probation period, we
- 13 agreed something like until July. We were going to review
- 14 applications to see how the people who were replying, to see
- 15 how their attendance was, what kind of people they were.
- 16 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I think we were going to have
- 17 the drive until July 15th I think is the date we set. We have
- 18 two applications now. We'll see what we get in from now until
- 19 the 15th, then the committee will meet again and review. I
- 20 think we have two positions open. I'm not really that sure.
- 21 We'll pick two.
- 22 VALERIE LANE: I have a question. You're talking
- 23 about a probation period. Are these people that are applying
- 24 for RAB membership?
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: I don't think they meant a

- 1 probation period.
- 2 VALERIE LANE: I would hope not because anybody else
- 3 can come in here and pick it up and do it without being on
- 4 probation, checking attendance and stuff. I don't even think
- 5 you should word it in there. I think you should delete it.
- 6 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: It's not in there. Maybe it
- 7 was a bad word.
- 8 VALERIE LANE: It was spoken here, so obviously it
- 9 was in there at one time. He mentioned it. I'd like to see
- 10 it dropped. That's not the way people can apply for
- 11 membership here.
- 12 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: What I've read, I haven't
- 13 seen that word in there at all. It was just a discussion, is
- 14 that right?
- 15 DON WASTLER: Yes.
- 16 KAREN KINGSTON: I don't think the committee had any
- 17 intent of that.
- 18 DON WASTLER: The thing is now, it looks like we're
- 19 going to be swarmed with a bunch of applications.
- 20 VALERIE LANE: I doubt it.
- 21 DON WASTLER: I doubt it, too.
- 22 VALERIE LANE: More power to you, but I doubt it.
- 23 JEROEN KOK: I have a question on that. Has the
- 24 subcommittee established any criteria for determining who
- 25 would become a member? Let's play on Don's optimistic view,

- 1 you do get swamped with applications. How are you going to go
- 2 about the process of sorting out who makes it onto the RAB,
- 3 especially if the goal is to get broad representation?
- 4 DON WASTLER: That was the very question I had.
- 5 BUD VAN CLEVE: Talent, bathing suit contest.
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: Bud says a bathing suit contest
- 7 will work. What do you think?
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: Actually, I think it would be a good
- 9 idea to nail those down before you broadcast it. That way you
- 10 don't have to worry about giving the false impression of
- 11 developing a criteria to be selective.
- 12 JEROEN KOK: After the fact.
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: After the fact, yeah.
- 14 IAN RAY: That was discussed at the committee
- 15 meeting, as a plan.
- 16 DON WASTLER: Something else that we discussed was
- 17 some of the people who haven't been active members, possibly
- 18 dropping them for other members that would be more active.
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: They are requesting we do a vote.
- 20 I think -- I hate to do this, but I believe Bob Frohs has not
- 21 attended. Frank was going to come tonight. He wanted to
- 22 bring -- because he says it's not fair to have done it before
- 23 and not keep doing it.
- 24 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: He was going to talk about
- 25 that tonight.

- 1 KAREN KINGSTON: He wanted to bring that up.
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: Maybe he'll come later.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: Should I ask for a vote? I'll ask
- 4 for a vote.
- 5 ERIC WAEHLING: Now?
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes. We'll just get it over with.
- 7 I would say it this way. As it stands, we have a
- 8 member, Bob Frohs, who has been a very good member for many
- 9 years, but he's missed the three-meeting limit, so he is up
- 10 for removal. Those in favor of dropping his name from the
- 11 membership list and still inviting him to be involved, would
- 12 you please raise your hand?
- 13 JEROEN KOK: I have a question before we vote. Was
- 14 he notified that he would be removed if he didn't attend?
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: Everybody was.
- 16 JEROEN KOK: It goes back to that letter we sent out
- 17 several months ago?
- 18 DON WASTLER: I told him yesterday.
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: It's in the bylaws.
- 20 DON WASTLER: I told him yesterday. Even if he
- 21 wanted to come tonight, I don't think he'd be here, because he
- 22 was sick when I saw him yesterday. He closed up his shop and
- 23 went home.
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: They need to phone either Eric or
- 25 myself. Having an excused absence, that's completely

- 1 understandable, completely.
- 2 DON WASTLER: I went to his shop and spoke to him
- 3 yesterday about it. He agrees the same way that we do. I
- 4 told him, I says, "Even if you're not going to be a member,
- 5 you can still attend the meetings, be on the mailing list, be
- 6 active." When I went up to his shop, he was sick, closing up
- 7 the shop and leaving. I don't think he would be here tonight
- 8 even if he wanted to be.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: Ian.
- 10 IAN RAY: A quorum exists here tonight.
- 11 KAREN KINGSTON: Thank you.
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: One last question just to make sure
- 13 we ask this. Is Bob the only person that has missed -- that
- 14 is a member that has missed a series of meetings? I don't
- 15 want to give the appearance that we're singling out any
- 16 individual.
- 17 KAREN KINGSTON: The only other person I would have
- 18 a question about would be Robert Torrens. Do you keep tally?
- 19 JENNIFER WALTERS: I can go back and look. He was
- 20 there at the last meeting.
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: He was. He's not in question.
- 22 DON WASTLER: In respect to what Eric just said, I
- 23 was looking at this list that came with our agenda of the
- 24 people that are on the board. I realize some of these people,
- 25 it doesn't say they're all on the board, but says "and/or

- 1 community members." I see names here of people I don't even
- 2 know. Janet Renfro.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: These people have either requested
- 4 that they remain on the list or some of them are involved in
- 5 homeowners or neighborhood associations, have requested the
- 6 minutes so they can keep up via the minutes.
- 7 DON WASTLER: It says "and/or community members."
- 8 It doesn't mean they're all RAB members.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Correct.
- 10 KAREN KINGSTON: Anybody that calls me, I encourage
- 11 them to use the minutes rather than hearsay about what happens
- 12 at the meetings.
- 13 DON WASTLER: So do I.
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: We have a vote. Can I see a show
- 15 of hands?
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: It needs to be seconded first.
- 17 KAREN KINGSTON: Thank you.
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: Anyone second the motion?
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: To take care of business, is there
- 20 a second?
- 21 BUD VAN CLEVE: I'll second.
- 22 ERIC WAEHLING: Seconded by Bud Van Cleve. All in
- 23 favor?
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: EPA, you hold a seat on the RAB,
- 25 you're a voting member. So does Department of Ecology.

- 1 You're a voting member. And Clark County is being represented
- 2 by Jeroen. Just one of you can throw your vote in, sorry.
- 3 Shall we do ayes again, we'll count?
- 4 BUD VAN CLEVE: Aye.
- 5 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Aye.
- 6 BEN FORSON: Abstain.
- 7 GREG JOHNSON: Abstain.
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: Aye.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: Aye.
- 10 JEROEN KOK: Aye.
- 11 IAN RAY: Aye.
- 12 DON WASTLER: Nay.
- 13 BRUCE OVERBAY: Nay.
- 14 VALERIE LANE: Nay.
- 15 ERIC WAEHLING: Did anyone keep a tally?
- 16 KAREN KINGSTON: The ayes have it. We're sorry
- 17 about that, too.
- 18 Anyway, then the next one is when the County was
- 19 here and did their presentation --
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: Before we move on, I would like to
- 21 state, just so it is documented, that if Bob wants to reapply,
- 22 he's more than welcome to reapply to membership if he chooses.
- 23 KAREN KINGSTON: Absolutely. I would like to
- 24 definitely state that, as well. He's absolutely welcome back
- 25 in.

- 1 IAN RAY: Are we finished with Landfill 4?
- ERIC WAEHLING: Well, are you talking about the
- questions that you sent out?
- IAN RAY: Landfill 4 is on the agenda. We've
- already moved on to community updates.
- ERIC WAEHLING: We had moved on. Actually, a number
- of your questions I think we're going to touch upon, the
- 8 hydrogeological questions, in part of the discussions Gaynor
- is going to have. Then I was going to go back through, the
- 10 ones we hadn't answered, I was going to answer them one by
- 11 one.
- 12 IAN RAY: I do want to have each and every question
- 13 addressed.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: I have them in writing for you.
- 15 IAN RAY: Thank you.
- 16 KAREN KINGSTON: Next order of business is I forgot
- 17 at the last meeting, the predetermined questions and
- 18 clarifications fielded by Clark County officials, to have
- 19 those put into the March minutes. I need to include them into
- 20 the April minutes. I have a copy of them for Jaime. They
- 21
- need to be entered into the minutes. They were -- it was supposed to be a verbal presentation. It's in writing. We'll 22
- 23 at least have it in the minutes so it can be accessed by other
- 2.4 people on line. I'll give this to Jaime.
- 25 (Clark County Q&A inserted at end of regular meeting minutes.)

- 1 KAREN KINGSTON: Also the last issue I have for
- 2 community would be as far as the BCT goes, I believe there is
- 3 a resounding effort among the community RAB that, according to
- 4 the bylaws -- not the bylaws, excuse me, the '98 guidelines,
- 5 the RAB is to be involved in an advisory role with the BCT
- 6 prior to decisions and actions so that we may advise in a
- 7 prior manner rather than to be updated after the fact.
- 8 Can we somehow work or can you work with Ian, since
- 9 he's the chair of that, so that the community portion of the
- 10 RAB is advised at the same time Ecology is so that you can
- 11 get -- so Ian can tally some input and be able to hand it in
- 12 as part of the BCT work?
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: Yeah. The only reason I'm
- 14 hesitating, I'm trying to envision how we could do that.
- 15 Certainly we should explore that and try to figure out how to
- 16 do it. At the moment I'm not sure exactly how we could do
- 17 that. But, yeah.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: Can I ask you then to work with Ian
- 19 on that? I'll just leave it to the two of you to figure.
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: I think it needs to be not only
- 21 myself, but Ecology and EPA, as well, figure out a way to try
- 22 to do that.
- 23 KAREN KINGSTON: That was it.
- 24 Does anybody else have anything they want to add for
- 25 community updating in this portion? Anything new?

- 1 IAN RAY: I would have some questions.
- 2 What happens to advisories? If a board member
- 3 submits an advisory, what happens to them?
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: To an advisory? I'm sorry, I don't
- 5 understand.
- 6 IAN RAY: This is an advisory board.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: Okay.
- 8 IAN RAY: We're supposed to advise on certain
- 9 issues.
- 10 ERIC WAEHLING: Right.
- 11 IAN RAY: Suppose I or somebody wrote out an
- 12 advisory. What would happen to it?
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: Physically?
- 14 IAN RAY: Yes.
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes.
- 16 IAN RAY: A letter.
- 17 ERIC WAEHLING: We would receive the letter and we'd
- 18 take it under consideration. I know Ecology certainly takes
- 19 it under consideration because they've responded to me telling
- 20 me that certain members of the community have had concerns
- 21 about this or that. I don't want to speak for Ben, but I know
- 22 I've heard from them, their responsiveness to that.
- 23 I guess I don't quite know how to answer that
- 24 question. Forgive me.
- 25 IAN RAY: I think Sean has his hand up.

- 1 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I was just going to suggest that
 - after the BCT considers the comment, whatever it's about, it
- 3 be incorporated into the appropriate administrative record,
- 4 whatever Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study action
- 5 unit it's for.
- 6 ERIC WAEHLING: Right, okay. I'm thinking it
- 7 through. There's also a public comment component. There is a
- 8 very formal process that when we get feedback or advisories,
- 9 as you put it, as a part of that public comment component,
- 10 those are documented and included in the administrative
- 11 record. There's a formal response to that.
- 12 Are you referring to that formal process?
- 13 IAN RAY: Yes.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm sorry. I didn't understand.
- 15 Yeah, that's incorporated in the document. And Ben
- 16 could expound on what MOTCA requirements are for managing
- 17 public comment.
- 18 BEN FORSON: Well, MOTCA requirements clearly state
- 19 in the process of the cleanup, there are certain points where
- 20 public comments --
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: I need to interrupt. I'm sorry.
- 22 It's an advisory board. We are not considered public comment;
- 23 we're part of the process. I think what Ian is looking for is
- 24 if he sends -- say you're doing an action, and he sends an
- 25 advisory via the BCT portion for the community on the RAB,

- 1 that his advisory would be entered into your administrative
- 2 record
- 3 I do know by law if anybody sends you something that
- 4 says they also want their letter or their communication to you
- 5 included in the Army's administrative record, I know by law
- 6 you must include it.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: I didn't know that, but I can
- 8 believe it. I'm not disputing it.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: So is that what you're saying?
- 10 IAN RAY: Affirmative.
- 11 ERIC WAEHLING: Okay.
- 12 IAN RAY: I might add, this public participation
- 13 guidance that we looked at --
- 14 BEN FORSON: Excuse me. Before you go on, let me
- 15 make this clear.
- 16 The RAB duty is to advise the Army, okay? It
- 17 doesn't include Ecology. So the issue that we're discussing,
- 18 I think that is something that the Army should answer.
- 19 IAN RAY: That's probably correct. In fact, this
- 20 document that we're working from right now, our participation
- 21 guidance, says, "A RAB member provides advice on priorities
- 22 among sites or projects." If someone were to provide advice,
- 23 my question is, where does it go? What happens to it? Where
- 24 does it end up? Does anyone look at it? Is there
- 25 acknowledgment? Is there a response?

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: To be honest, Ian, this is the first
- 2 time I've considered it. It will be incorporated as part of
- 3 the administrative record associated with the document it's
- 4 intended. We'll develop some sort of process to make sure
- 5 that happens.
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: Don.
- 7 DON WASTLER: We've talked about this at previous
- 8 meetings, the previous meeting before. I believe it was
- 9 Mr. Funk that brought the issue up that, as a board, before
- 10 anything can be recommended, one person from the board can't
- 11 recommend anything. They can as a citizen, but before it can
- 12 be recommended, it has to be reviewed by the entire board and
- 13 agreed upon.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: As a board action.
- 15 DON WASTLER: If I recall, I'm sure we had that
- 16 discussion at the fire station before about that.
- 17 VALERIE LANE: Right.
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: I think the point that Ian brings
- 19 up, I'm assuming you mean as an individual of the community,
- 20 not necessarily as a board member?
- 21 IAN RAY: Yes.
- 22 ERIC WAEHLING: Are you speaking --
- 23 IAN RAY: The advisory board doesn't act as a
- 24 consensus-gathering body, it acts as an individual. That's in
- 25 the bylaws.

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: Ian is not saying his comment will
- 2 represent the RAB as a body, but as his personal advice as a
- 3 RAB member.
- 4 DON WASTLER: Ian has some pretty good stuff. I
- 5 wouldn't mind reading it. I might sign it myself, when it
- 6 comes to the water quality.
- 7 KAREN KINGSTON: Okay. That was it.
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: All right.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: We can go to Greg. The next thing
- 10 on the agenda --
- 11 I guess I should ask, was there anything else? I
- 12 didn't mean to cut you off.
- 13 IAN RAY: Nothing else from me, no.
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: We'll hear from Department of
- 15 Ecology and Greg.
- 16 GREG JOHNSON: I guess the question of me was, "Can
- 17 Greg Johnson provide an EoD report of the detonation of the
- 18 latest 2.36 rockets on the west side of Lacamas Creek within
- 19 the park reuse area and suggest what this might suggest as to
- 20 unknown targets and how this applies to Washington Department
- 21 of Ecology."
- 22 I brought one copy of it. The way it sounded to me
- 23 was like one person wanted to see it.
- 24 ERIC WAEHLING: We can make additional copies.
- 25 GREG JOHNSON: Does anybody have any questions?

- 1 Would you like me to go through this with you?
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: Real quick, give them an idea of
- 3 what it says. It's a little cryptic.
- 4 GREG JOHNSON: This is a standard explosive ordnance
- 5 incident report. It starts out with date. This one was 18
- 6 February. It goes into where the incident was located, which
- 7 was Camp Bonneville, and who reported it, which was Eric
- 8 Waehling. It has contact numbers. Then down here it has the
- 9 personnel dispatched, who went to take care of the incident.
- 10 The next page is the DODICs, which are the lot
- 11 numbers for the explosives that were used, that were brought
- 12 and used. On this one, there's M766, which is an ignitor for
- 13 time fuse, and they used four of those. Then over here it has
- 14 the net explosive weight, then the combined total explosive
- 15 weight. That item was .00024.
- 16 The next one was M670, which is 24 foot of time
- 17 fuse. Its net explosive weight was .00267. Then M131, which
- 18 are non-electric blasting caps, they used four of those. Then
- 19 M023, which is charge demolition, M112, C4, one and a quarter
- 20 pound block of C4. They used four of those which came out to
- 21 five pounds. So the total explosive weight was 5.08.
- 22 The next page is the description. They were M6
- 23 series, and lots were unknown because they didn't know.
- 24 Then the very back page is the description of what
- 25 happened. This is the last part of the report.

- 1 This one is Mr. Waehling reported four to five 2.36
- 2 rockets near a stump on Camp Bonneville. The ordnance was
- 3 identified and determined to be hazardous. The items were
- 4 disposed of by detonation, which means they blew them in
- 5 place.
- 6 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I've already read that. I
- 7 was curious why it said "four to five." Wouldn't you know if
- 8 it was four or five?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: I reported -- I'm sorry. I didn't
- 10 mean to cut you off.
- 11 If you look at the pictures, there's various pieces
- 12 of metal sticking out of the tree. That's what I reported it
- 13 as. They reported four to five individual rockets. There
- 14 were railroad spikes, I didn't know what they were. I said
- 15 that we had four or five things sticking out of the stump.
- 16 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: The other question is, I
- don't know why, but what was listed on there, how would
- 18 someone go about blowing something like this up? I only heard
- 19 one blast. It was quite large. I was kind of curious. Would
- 20 you just load up the area and run?
- 21 GREG JOHNSON: Depends how many they blew. The way
- 22 it works in EoD, it's not supposed to work this way, but the
- 23 way it works, you get rid of what you take with you. If you
- 24 take five pounds with you, you blow five pounds. The
- 25 paperwork to take it back to the magazine and turn it in is

- 1 just unbelievable.
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: What's the procedure they would use
- 3 to set it off?
- 4 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: You have one rocket on the
- 5 ground, one in some trees, or three. I don't really know. If
- 6 they're sitting like this, that's why I was asking, do you
- 7 load up this area (indicating)?
- 8 GREG JOHNSON: I haven't seen the picture.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: I can tell you what they told me
- 10 when they were on-site. The pieces sticking out of the tree,
- 11 they said one was the nose cone and the other was a railroad
- 12 spike and other things not related to a rocket or a target.
- 13 GREG JOHNSON: On this one here, it's stuck in
- 14 there, it's broken off. You can look in there and see there's
- 15 no explosives. The fuse on these is in the back.
- 16 But this one here, that would have been a concern
- 17 there (indicating). You would have put the donor charge right
- 18 next to the warhead and blown it.
- 19 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: On that picture he has in his
- 20 hand, did they use five pounds on just that because the other
- 21 ones weren't --
- 22 ERIC WAEHLING: Right. What the sergeant told me,
- 23 and Greg is the expert, but what was reported to me is they
- 24 thought what most likely happened is it hit the stump, broke
- 25 off the nose cone, fell to the base. Because of the way it's

- 1 sitting, they couldn't be a hundred percent certain that's
- 2 what happened. Again, Greg, this is just what they're telling
- 3 me.
- 4 GREG JOHNSON: Yeah.
- ERIC WAEHLING: That's why they blew it in place,
- 6 because they needed to be sure before they could move it.
- 7 They decided to blow it.
- 8 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Does the tree look exactly
- 9 the same today?
- 10 ERIC WAEHLING: Not anymore.
- 11 BRUCE OVERBAY: Not after C4.
- 12 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: It was piled near the tree
- 13 and it got both at once?
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: Greg would have to tell you. They
- 15 don't let me stay in the area. Greg could tell you exactly
- 16 how they do it.
- 17 GREG JOHNSON: They don't say in here how they did
- 18 it. I haven't talked to the guys. I just have this report.
- 19 What we would have done, you would have just set it
- 20 right next to the warhead on this one and blown it. They
- 21 probably would have -- if that was the only shot they did,
- 22 they probably put it all on there, I imagine. I wasn't there,
- 23 so I don't know. All I have to go by is this (indicating).
- 24 This is standard EoD report. That's all I can imagine that
- 25 happened.

- 1 KAREN KINGSTON: Sean.
- SEAN SHELDRAKE: I guess this question would be for
- Eric. In terms of the in-place detonation, was there a sweep
- done to make sure there wasn't, you know, unexploded frag
- 5 created by the detonation?
- ERIC WAEHLING: They went back and inspected the
- 7 area before they would let me back in there. So, yeah, I
- 8 guess the answer is yes.
- 9 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I guess residue would be my other
- 10 question in terms of in-place detonations, how we're going to
- 11 verify that the residue is not present or it's present in only
- 12 a minuscule amount.
- 13 GREG JOHNSON: There's always going to be residue.
- 14 This right here, the M023, four each charged demolition, M112,
- 15 tagged in parens. They put these plastic pieces in the
- 16 explosive now, ever since post 9/11, or even a long time
- 17 before that.
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: Oklahoma City.
- 19 GREG JOHNSON: You'll have evidence of where that
- 20 explosive came from.
- 21 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I was just referring to any
- chemical residue. The obvious reason for in-place detonations is worker safety. The trade-off is then potentially explosive 22
- 23
- 2.4 residue in that area. I was just wondering if we have some
- 25 sort of analysis to show that residue is negligible.

- ERIC WAEHLING: No, we don't. We know exactly where 1
- it was, but there's not been any soil sampling taken.
- GREG JOHNSON: Any time there's a detonation, you
- have residue.
- ED MARSH: When you detonate something like this,
- high order, just about all of it's gone, it's going to convert
- into basically oxygen and water and NCO2. The problem with
- 8 residue is when you burn it, it doesn't detonate. Go high
- order, it burns. Just like you go out here and burn a log, you get charcoal. It doesn't necessarily convert chemically 10
- 11 into carbon dioxide and the rest of it. When you high-order
- 12 detonate something, you don't have nearly the residue you
- 13 would if you burn it. That's the problem you're dealing with
- 14 now, where all that stuff was burned up there rather than
- 15 detonated.
- 16 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I would suggest in terms of EPA's
- 17 take on in-place detonation, some sort of analytical board be
- 18 done to see the residue left in place is negligible. It
- 19 doesn't indicate high-order or low-order, sounds likes
- high-order, but some sort of analysis that verifies in-place 20
- 21 detonations may be preferable for worker safety, but the
- trade-off is residue. Having some way to verify there's no 22
- 23 residue would be EPA's suggestion.
- 2.4 ERIC WAEHLING: As we ramp up for doing large-scale
- 25 cleanup for areas that are going to need that, we need to

- 1 consider that, if we need to do that, do a statistical
- 2 representation to determine one way or the other. We know
- 3 exactly where that location was. That could be one of the
- 4 candidate sample points, I guess.
- 5 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Is that something, since
- 6 Ecology is leading, they would have to enforce if they had
- input to encourage that activity?
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: It would be part of the work plan.
- 9 Maybe I misunderstood.
- 10 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I don't want it to stop
- 11 there. I like his idea.
- 12 GREG JOHNSON: EoD is exempt from EPA quidelines on
- 13 this for an emergency disposal.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: But Sean's point about the residuals
- 15 is valid and has been raised before.
- 16 GREG JOHNSON: That is valid.
- 17 ERIC WAEHLING: We're going to be doing a lot more
- 18 of this type of thing. As part of that, to make sure that
- 19 you're not leaving residual contamination behind, it's
- 20 probably prudent to take some soil samples afterwards. As we
- 21 develop the plans to do this, we can incorporate that.
- 22 Whether we're going to have to sample each and every single
- 23 hole, or whether we sample 50 of them, and if all 50 of them
- 24 are clean, we say the process is clean, that remains to be
- 25 seen.

- 1 But Sean's point is well-taken. We'll have to do
 - something. As I said, we know exactly where it was, and we
- 3 can go back and do confirmational sampling as part of that
- 4 overall process.
- 5 BEN FORSON: Basically, I mean, the detonation area
- 6 there has to be assessed in the sense of you look at the
- 7 amount of explosives that was discharged. You have to assess,
- 8 any time you explode, set an amount, what will be the
- 9 residual, if there's any. Once you know the residual that you
- 10 expect, that would determine whether it calls for analysis
- 11 sampling of the area or not. Just the fact that something has
- 12 been detonated doesn't call for rushing there and taking soil
- 13 samples. It has to be assessed first.
- 14 GREG JOHNSON: Then, too, you have to remember we're
- 15 working at an impact area. This base had detonations
- 16 everywhere. If we start looking at sampling every place there
- 17 was a detonation, I mean, you'd be sampling the whole place,
- 18 the whole base.
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: I have a question.
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: Yes.
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: In this case, this was an emergency
- 22 detonation, so it falls outside of some of the guidelines and
- 23 whatnot. But is it a typical practice? I live a thousand
- 24 feet from the west gate. Even though this was on the west
- 25 side of Lacamas Creek, in the reuse area, it shook my house.

- 1 Is it typical to use five pounds of C4? Then when you amplify
- 2 that with the fact that you're blowing up something that's
- 3 going to blow up, too, was it typical to blow all that
- 4 together in one great big explosion like that?
- 5 GREG JOHNSON: That would have been a call that the
- 6 team leader made that day. Probably it could have been a guy
- who didn't have a lot of experience. The other thing was,
- 8 what was the cloud cover that day?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: It was very low.
- 10 DON WASTLER: It shook my place and I'm a mile from
- 11 the gate.
- 12 GREG JOHNSON: If you have low cloud cover.
- 13 KAREN KINGSTON: There was an inversion.
- 14 GREG JOHNSON: One block of C4 could rock your
- 15 world, if it's low enough.
- 16 IAN RAY: What was the Richter?
- 17 DON WASTLER: That's not really a joke. I'm a mile
- 18 from the gate. It wasn't anything serious, but I heard it and
- 19 definitely felt it.
- 20 GREG JOHNSON: Maybe what this kid should have done,
- 21 the sergeant in charge, whatever, maybe he should have done a
- 22 couple different shots instead of all at once. Like I said,
- 23 you don't normally -- you use what you take, that's the rule
- 24 of thumb.
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: Does the Army have anything in

- 1 place to say to notify people ahead of time?
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: As I said, when we're going to do
- 3 this as a regular operation, not as an emergency, as part of
- 4 our clearance activities that we're going to do to clean up
- 5 the park, we'll have not only notification procedures, we may
- 6 have quidelines that if you have certain weather conditions,
- 7 because of noise impacts, things like that, that will
- 8 certainly be part of it. That will be part of the work plans
- 9 that everybody has a chance to comment on. They'll be out for
- 10 public review, as well as the RAB.
- 11 BEN FORSON: The level of explosion in the future,
- 12 when there is an emergency blast, whatever it is, maybe the
- 13 citizens should be informed. I mean, even if it's a phone
- 14 call, calling around.
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: Something that big.
- 16 GREG JOHNSON: What they can do, which would
- 17 probably be a good idea, when we start working, try and have
- 18 either one time during the day that they do demo.
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: Same time every day.
- 20 GREG JOHNSON: Or maybe one day out of the week at
- 21 one certain time, then everybody knows.
- 22 KAREN KINGSTON: The neighbors are real used to
- 23 that. They're used to having military actions go on for, say,
- 24 a week, you know, during a particular time. That would work I
- 25 think real well with the neighborhood. I got phone calls.

- 1 Most of the people that called me were unnerved thinking, with
- 2 the war situation as it is right now, with something that
- 3 huge, they thought they needed to get in the car and leave.
- 4 It did cause some distress on some of them, the older folks.
- 5 ERIC WAEHLING: As loud as it was, the hole is not
- 6 that big.
- 7 KAREN KINGSTON: Really?
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: It surprised the heck out of me. I
- 9 had never heard anything like that.
- 10 GREG JOHNSON: Five pounds is not a lot of
- 11 explosive. That's about what is in a 105.
- 12 DON WASTLER: I grew up listening to them shoot
- 13 artillery. I remember lots of loud booms, but I don't
- 14 remember an impact like that. It wasn't serious, but it shook
- 15 the building.
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: I think a lot of it was because of
- 17 the weather conditions.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: I would judge it worse than a
- 19 Howitzer. I was out there when they were doing those. I
- 20 would say it was definitely worse than a Howitzer that would
- 21 have been parked out there by the gate up on that free stand
- 22 or something, what do you call that?
- 23 GREG JOHNSON: It gets reflected off the cloud. It
- 24 projects rather than taking it up.
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: The noise.

- 1 BRUCE OVERBAY: Reverberates out.
- 2 GREG JOHNSON: Noise and the blast.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: It was on the west side and in the
- 4 reuse?
- 5 GREG JOHNSON: Yes.
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: Where does Ecology stand on the
- 7 fact that there was that much there, no target? County feels
- 8 that's a no target area. Where does Ecology stand with that?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: It is a target now.
- 10 KAREN KINGSTON: It's a target now?
- 11 ERIC WAEHLING: It was an unknown range. When you
- 12 find something, it becomes a target. Its status changes.
- 13 GREG JOHNSON: It was a stump that some guys were
- 14 shooting rockets at is what it comes down to.
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: So in the Reuse Plan, that part of
- 16 the Reuse Plan was based on there was no known targets in that
- 17 area. Now that there's a known target in that area, what does
- 18 that do to the Reuse Plan?
- 19 GREG JOHNSON: Well, the way Ecology looks at the
- 20 entire reuse area is it is a target area. There are target
- 21 areas. That entire area needs to be investigated.
- 22 KAREN KINGSTON: Does the County know this?
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: I don't know if the County knows,
- 24 but I can say the Army's position is, because that item was
- 25 found in that area, because of its location, but regardless of

- 1 where it was found, clearance is required in that area before
- 2 it can be used.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: I think we had one other one.
- 4 Department of Ecology guidelines and procedures for handling a
- 5 BRAC site when the site is changed. Did you see number one in
- 6 there? The Washington Department of Ecology guidelines and
- 7 procedures for handling a BRAC site cleanup when the Reuse
- 8 Plan for that site is changed or denied.
- 9 BEN FORSON: Well, a BRAC site is just like any
- 10 other MOTCA site, according to Department of Ecology. The
- 11 extent of cleanups or investigations are tailored to meet
- 12 safety requirements, taking into account the land use
- 13 determination for the area, which means the end use of the
- 14 land, the future use plan, actually determines the extent of
- 15 the investigation and remediation that will take place there.
- 16 Any time there is a change, let's say in Camp
- 17 Bonneville, in this situation, the selection of the cleanup
- 18 actions is going to depend upon the land use plan. The land
- 19 use limitation will also be specified in the institutional
- 20 controls that will be part of the remedy selection.
- 21 So if it's changing, if the land use plan is
- 22 changing, then the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility
- 23 Study response actions has to also be modified to be
- 24 commensurate with the changes.
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: So then in this case, the LRA was

- 1 determined -- the reuse of that area I believe was overnight
- 2 camping.
- 3 ERIC WAEHLING: For which area in particular?
- 4 KAREN KINGSTON: This area.
- 5 ERIC WAEHLING: Where it was found? Right here on
- 6 the hillside. I don't think there was any particular activity
- 7 planned for that spot right there. It's up on the wooded
- 8 hillside. I could make a bigger dot. It's approximately this
- 9 area here (indicating).
- 10 KAREN KINGSTON: That's in hiking trails, equestrian
- 11 trails, bike trails, picnic areas, amphitheater, restrooms,
- 12 tent camping, RV camping, watch person residences and archery
- 13 range.
- 14 JEROEN KOK: Those are the full list of regional
- 15 park elements, based on that site plan, which is not
- 16 admittedly very detailed. I believe there are just some
- 17 trails going through that general vicinity.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: I would say it's near new trails
- 19 and the watch person's residence, according to the X that Eric
- 20 put.
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: Right. But maybe it would be -- I'm
- 22 thinking for the benefit of everybody, maybe it would be
- 23 better if we could project.
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: I'm not projecting anything about
- 25 the reuse. What I'm asking is, the Department of Ecology, now

- 1 that the LRA based their use on the fact that it was a
- 2 non-target area, so therefore they all sat and came up with
- 3 hiking trails and equestrian trails and whatnot. Now that
- 4 there is a known target in that area, it changes that reuse
- for that particular area, is that right? What does Ecology do
- 6 now?
- 7 BEN FORSON: Have they changed the reuse for the
- 8 area?
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: No, Clark County hasn't, as far as
- 10 I know.
- 11 JEROEN KOK: No.
- 12 BEN FORSON: And we haven't selected cleanup
- 13 response actions yet. What I'm saying is the cleanup actions
- 14 will be selected to protect the health and safety of
- 15 individuals based on the proposed land use.
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: Could I try taking another shot at
- 17 rephrasing your question.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: Okay.
- 19 BEN FORSON: Let me give you an example.
- 20 KAREN KINGSTON: Certainly.
- 21 BEN FORSON: If an area is going to be used for
- 22 let's say a day-care.
- 23 KAREN KINGSTON: Let's say an amphitheater.
- 24 ERIC WAEHLING: Actually, I think her question is
- 25 simple, if I paraphrase it correctly.

- 1 This isn't the case, but hypothetically let's say
- 2 they located the tent camping right on top of where this
- 3 rocket was found, would the Department of Ecology have Clark
- 4 County change the Reuse Plan to accommodate that new bullet of
- 5 information? Is that what you're asking?
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: There you go.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: Would you make them move the
- 8 campground?
- 9 BEN FORSON: Not necessarily. But you will
- 10 select -- it can go either way. Either impress on the County
- 11 to change the land use plan or select a Remedial Investigation
- 12 and Feasibility Study response that will be protective,
- 13 considering the land use that they proposed for that area.
- 14 GREG JOHNSON: They can move it or dig it up, remove
- 15 the ordnance.
- 16 BEN FORSON: You can either move what you're going
- 17 to do there or, if you insist you want to put it there, dig
- 18 the area.
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: If a change does happen in the
- 20 reuse, say you tell Clark County, "You're going to have to
- 21 move your amphitheater because it's in a known target area
- 22 now," does that change -- do you have a procedure in place,
- 23 and does that change the way you're handling Clark County and
- 24 their Reuse Plan? Does that change anything from Ecology's
- 25 standpoint?

- 1 BEN FORSON: No. What I'm saying is, they will have
- 2 the option because the selection of the response action
- 3 depends on the land use. If you know that this area has
- 4 ordnances, but they want to put a setting, let's say a
- 5 baseball court there, then they'll have to select a cleanup
- 6 action, that even though they're having a baseball place
- 7 there, it will still be protected.
- 8 DON WASTLER: She's asking you, even though they
- 9 found that there, and Clark County is not going to change the
- 10 Reuse Plan, that you're going to take extra measures to make
- 11 sure that area is safe.
- 12 BEN FORSON: That's what I'm saying. You pick the
- 13 cleanup action based on the land use.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: Right. So Ecology won't tell Clark
- 15 County they have to move it, but they're going to say, "If you
- 16 keep it there, you're going to have to do X, Y and Z."
- 17 DON WASTLER: They're going to stay in accordance
- 18 with the Reuse Plan, but because that's found, they'll take
- 19 extra measures to make sure nothing else is found there.
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: Make an economic decision, safety
- 21 decision based on that.
- 22 BEN FORSON: Sometimes you look at the response
- 23 action you have to take to maintain the land use. It makes
- 24 economic sense to just move it somewhere else sometimes. That
- 25 choice will be theirs.

- 1 KAREN KINGSTON: Christine.
- 2 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: If we find as these
- 3 remediation activities start to take place what I call
- 4 surprises, more and more are found, more targets are found,
- 5 now we're looking at the west side of the creek as an area
- 6 that needs intensive remediation, like a lot of sites, sieve
- 7 and dig --
- 8 SEAN SHELDRAKE: Dig and sieve.
- 9 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: -- that's a very expensive
- 10 procedure. If you find that you have to do so many of those
- 11 types of procedures in order to keep up with Clark County's
- 12 reuse, is there a procedure or is there a call that someone
- 13 can make that this park is not an economical idea for the
- 14 taxpayers to clean up to those standards, because of all the
- 15 surprises you will start to find, potentially find? Do you
- 16 understand what I'm saying?
- 17 BEN FORSON: If they have the money to do that?
- 18 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Then just keep on rolling?
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: Right. But the Army would be the
- 20 one to make that call.
- 21 GREG JOHNSON: You're asking the wrong people. We
- 22 can try and enforce them to do something. If they don't do
- 23 it, you know, we have to either go after someone else or they
- 24 have to make that determination.
- 25 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Say that rocket, certain

- 1 aspects as the remediation takes place, you find lots of what
 - I call surprises, a lot on the west side, you will enforce
- 3 that it has to be cleaned up in order to secure our safety,
- 4 and if it reaches a cost, then the Army --
- 5 BEN FORSON: Then the Army might say, "If this is
- 6 how much it's going to cost."
- 7 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: But the County will be new
- 8 owners soon, right?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Yes.
- 10 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I'm concerned about how is
- 11 that going to affect the --
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: As we've talked about before, I'm
- 13 sure we're going to talk about a lot in the future, we're
- 14 familiar with this Environmental Cooperative Services
- 15 Agreement, basically the money that the Army will give them to
- 16 continue on with the cleanup.
- 17 One of the things that the Army will require of the
- 18 County, to answer that very scenario that you brought up, the
- 19 County will be required to purchase insurance to cover those
- 20 cost overruns. If they keep coming up with surprises, as you
- 21 put it, that exceed the contingencies that we build into the
- 22 ESCA, because you make your estimate, then you plus it up a
- 23 little bit on a percentage basis to cover unexpected, and then
- 24 if you exceed that, then the insurance will kick in. If you
- 25 bankrupt your insurance company, ultimately the Army is still

- 1 there. If they discover Chernoble out there, another
- 2 Chernoble, ultimately the Army is still on the hook. But
- 3 between then and now, you have the ESCA insurance and then
- 4 back to the Army.
- 5 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Can I ask you a question?
- 6 We've got an amount to clean it up that will be transferred to
- 7 the County. If that goes, we get into a problem, we've got
- 8 insurance?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Correct.
- 10 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Say this scenario, it has a
- 11 problem, we have to go back to the Army. This whole process,
- 12 is that going to cost the County, not the first chunk, is that
- 13 going to cost the County any money to go back and go back to
- 14 here (indicating)?
- 15 ERIC WAEHLING: The Army pays for the insurance. We
- 16 even buy the insurance for the County. The County doesn't pay
- 17 for that.
- 18 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: There's not a legal battle to
- 19 get from the first lump sum all the way back to Point A, to
- 20 where we are today?
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: To be honest, I'm not a lawyer.
- 22 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Are you aware of anything?
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: I can say I suspect there may be a
- 24 deductible, as with most insurance policies. How much that
- 25 deductible is, I don't know.

- 1 But the details of the legal process to get back --
- 2 the whole idea is for it not to come back to the Army. We're
- 3 going to protect ourselves by making sure the insurance, we
- 4 are comfortable, is going to be adequate to cover any
- 5 contingency. It's only under dire and most extreme
- 6 circumstances that the property will revert back to Army or
- 7 Federal ownership.
- 8 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Do you know of a case that
- 9 it's reverted back?
- 10 ERIC WAEHLING: I don't know of any. I will be the
- 11 first to tell you, I don't have a lot of experience with early
- 12 transfers. This is my first one, too.
- 13 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Do you work with anyone in
- 14 the Army that has done it?
- 15 ERIC WAEHLING: Yes. I can ask. But I'm unaware of
- 16 any property. We call that a reversionary clause, the people
- 17 that receive the property, they can no longer financially
- 18 manage it.
- 19 It's in our interest, too, that Clark County is able
- 20 to manage the property because the Army's liability -- we're
- 21 still liable. If something goes wrong, the Army is still
- 22 liable. It's in our best interest to make sure that Clark
- 23 County has the capability of operating this property.
- 24 We call that a reversionary clause, that it will
- 25 revert back to Federal ownership. I'm not aware of that

- 1 occurring, but I can't promise you that hasn't happened. I
- 2 don't know of any.
- 3 IAN RAY: There was a question that was never
- 4 answered at the end of the February RAB about a road map to
- 5 all of these events you're talking about. The RAB could
- 6 really benefit, the community, everyone would benefit if we
- 7 had a road map. We would know the answers to these questions
- 8 about events that haven't occurred.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Dawn can answer that.
- 10 KAREN KINGSTON: We'll get to that, too. I want to
- 11 ask you, too, say Christine's hypothetical scenario goes down,
- 12 bankrupts the insurance company, the Army's ultimately
- 13 responsible. I think precedent is set everywhere that there
- 14 is legal that gets involved to work out a scenario with the
- 15 Army to add more money to the pot.
- 16 Does the Army reimburse Clark County for all its
- 17 legal fees on top of buying insurance, on top of doing the
- 18 remediation and the removals? Do you take care of all of
- 19 Clark County's legal fees?
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: If it reverts back to Federal
- 21 ownership?
- 22 KAREN KINGSTON: If the insurance is bankrupt, Clark
- 23 County has to come back to you for more money into the pot
- 24 because they found Chernoble, do you reimburse Clark County
- 25 for all their legal fees?

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: I don't know. I can't answer that.
- 2 I can't tell you.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: That's a question that probably I
- 4 would think should be brought up at a community forum. That's
- my pocketbook, everybody's pocketbook, as to who pays the
- 6 legal fees for all of this. We'll put that off.
- 7 BUD VAN CLEVE: To simplify it, the way I understand
- 8 it, there will never be a time that the Army is not
- 9 financially responsible, is that correct?
- 10 ERIC WAEHLING: Ultimately.
- 11 BEN FORSON: According to MOTCA, yes.
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: And CERCLA. The Army isn't refuting
- 13 that, right.
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: The question was, who pays the
- 15 legal fees to make that happen? I know you can't answer it,
- 16 because Eric can't.
- 17 BUD VAN CLEVE: I don't know. Since they are paying
- 18 for the insurance, I would assume that they're going to carry
- 19 that burden.
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: You know, I think we're actually
- 21 getting ourselves way down a path that we don't necessarily
- 22 have to go down. But ultimately it would be an enforcement
- 23 issue. It would be these fellows to my right here that would
- 24 be knocking on the Army's doors.
- 25 BUD VAN CLEVE: They got their own attorneys anyway,

- 1 qualified or not qualified.
- 2 KAREN KINGSTON: What did you just say?
- 3 BUD VAN CLEVE: Clark County has their bank of
- 4 attorneys, whether they be qualified for that kind of work or
- 5 not
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: I completely agree. I think
- 7 they're very qualified. The only thing is it comes out of
- 8 your pocket and my pocket to pay their wages. It would be
- 9 ultimately something to know as far as who takes care of the
- 10 legal fees for all of this.
- 11 Christine, did you have a last question? Anybody
- 12 else?
- 13 GREG JOHNSON: I'll add something. I think the best
- 14 way to resolve this issue is to do the best possible cleanup.
- 15 If we do the best possible cleanup and do it right the first
- 16 time, we probably won't have these problems. That's the point
- 17 where we're focused right now, where we're going to be focused
- 18 for the next couple months.
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: Let's take a break and then go on
- 20 to hydrology.
- 21 (Pause in proceedings.)
- 22 ERIC WAEHLING: I'd like to introduce you to Gaynor
- 23 Dawson. Gaynor is helping me. Gaynor is with a company
- 24 called Project Performance Corporation. Gaynor is helping the
- 25 Army, he's helping me, work our way through the issues at Camp

- 1 Bonneville.
- 2 Gaynor has played a significant role in the
- 3 designing of some of the groundwater studies that we've done.
- 4 In the past, people have asked me to ask Gaynor to join us so
- 5 we could begin to talk about the thought process that went
- 6 into how we designed where we located these wells that we
- 7 installed last November, so I asked him to join us here today.
- 8 I think what Gaynor and I were envisioning is just
- 9 as much a question and answer, exchange of ideas and
- 10 information. I welcome Gaynor. Thank you.
- 11 GAYNOR DAWSON: Let me maybe do this in three parts.
- 12 I know y'all have registered some questions. What I'd like to
- 13 do is first kind of start with a brief presentation of kind of
- 14 how we envision what's going on out here, why we approached
- 15 things the way we did, what we think they're telling us,
- 16 albeit far from complete at this point in time, address some
- of the questions that I'm aware of that y'all have had, then
- 18 open it up for further clarifications.
- 19 In essence, when we do a groundwater investigation,
- 20 we have two options: we can go inside-out or outside-in.
- 21 What do I mean by that? Well, first of all, if you look at
- 22 issues of chemical contamination, typically what we say is
- 23 we're going to be concerned if there's a risk. There can only
- 24 be a risk if we have a source, a release mechanism, transport
- 25 pathway, and an exposure mode and finally a receptor.

- 1 What's my example of that? Some chemicals in the
 - soil that dissolved in the rain subsequently infiltrate down
- 3 to the groundwater, people drink the water, and that person at
- 4 the well is a receptor. I have to have a complete path to get
- 5 risk as registered by that individual.
- 6 So if I'm going for an inside-out investigation of
- 7 groundwater, I identify my probable source areas and I put
- 8 some wells in there. If I see contaminated water, I start
- 9 stepping out until I can find the edge of the plume, define
- 10 how extensive it is.
- 11 Now, perfectly good approach. When you do that
- 12 approach, if you haven't any idea how big that plume is, first
- of all when you put a well in, you have to develop it, let it
- 14 sit for a month or two before you can get a reasonable sample,
- 15 turnaround with lab time. What can happen is each of these
- 16 step-outs can take two, three, four months. If it's a big
- 17 plume, and if you don't know quite which direction the
- 18 groundwater is flowing, you might find yourself doing this,
- 19 then this (indicating). It can take quite a while to
- 20 delineate a plume, if it's a large plume.
- 21 The outside-in option is to say, if I have a pretty
- 22 good idea where things may be going, and I want to be sure
- 23 that I'm keeping things safe at the moment, I can go out here
- 24 to some line I've drawn in the sand where I want to be sure
- 25 I'm protective, set that in place, and then if I see evidence

- 1 that there's a problem, I can either go back and find my
 - sources or I can use the weight of evidence approach which
- 3 takes other types of justifications that are ongoing, like
- 4 soil analysis and so forth, to put the picture together and
- 5 decide where back in that line I may have a problem. Like I
- 6 said, it's choice.
- 7 In this case, we chose to go outside-in. The reason
- 8 was really quite simple. If you look at Camp Bonneville, in
- 9 many respects, you have a bowl with Lacamas Creek flowing out
- 10 of the bowl. In most systems, conceptual model for this would
- 11 be that the groundwater will flow just like your surface water
- 12 flows. Your ground watershed is similar to your surface
- 13 watershed.
- 14 In other words, if you look at this in profile, you
- 15 would expect that you have bedrock highs that form those
- 16 ridges. I'm sure you guys have climbed all those ridges and
- 17 seen exposed rock. You have alluvium that's coming from the
- 18 weathering of the bedrock overtime, so your water falls, comes
- 19 into the soil, starts down that mountain and comes this way,
- 20 because even underground water flows downhill. Basic premise.
- 21 So our thought, our initial conceptual model, means
- 22 this bowl means the groundwater in the interior is likely to
- 23 be flowing out here where Lacamas Creek flows out. And in
- 24 constructing our wells and so forth, we'll test that
- 25 hypothesis, we'll see if we were right.

- 1 In this case what I felt would be appropriate is we
- 2 know we have a plume up in here at Landfill 4. Based on all
- 3 the data we've got, it's not real extensive, we haven't
- 4 defined it absolutely, but we're getting pretty close.
- 5 We have two other major source areas that may be of
- 6 concern: Demo Area 2, Demo Area 3. Then we have some
- 7 broader, more diffuse areas: the central impact area and the
- 8 various small arms ranges.
- 9 I'll tell you, experience around the country is we
- 10 rarely find groundwater problems with small arms ranges.
- 11 Largely you'll see lead from the bullets, it doesn't travel
- 12 well, so on, in the groundwater, but you can have potential
- 13 problems. More problematic is usually impact areas that see
- 14 artillery shells, larger rounds, because they're carrying
- 15 explosives in them. There's more than just the bullet you're
- 16 worried about, there's also the chemicals being carried by the
- 17 bullet.
- 18 Our concept was to say, if truly things are going to
- 19 flow out here, let's first put a series of wells along that
- 20 mouth, a picket fence, if you will, so we have an early
- 21 warning sentinel system that tells us if there's a problem,
- 22 it's heading off the problem.
- 23 Second logic was, if we do that, and we start to see
- 24 a problem here, we can very quickly implement a safety net by
- 25 drawing down wells in this area and essentially putting in a

- 1 pump-and-treat capture system so the contaminated groundwater
- 2 cannot get off-site.
- 3 Then we were going to place wells around the two --
- 4 in this case around this potential source area, DA-3, and
- 5 down-gradient of this, which is DA-2. The reason I say this
- 6 is we didn't know exactly where DA-2 was. Greg has done a
- 7 great job of identifying where we think it is, but it's still
- 8 a broad area. We didn't want to go into a
- 9 needle-in-a-haystack area, go out 20 feet from where it is,
- 10 put a well in, not see anything, and think it's clean. It
- 11 improved our chances of intercepting any plume that might be
- 12 there.
- 13 The concept then was we'll evaluate these wells. If
- 14 we see nothing, we're off to a good start. Meanwhile, as you
- 15 know, we have all kinds of soil sampling going on in a grid
- 16 throughout all of this area. When we put these wells in, we
- 17 collected some soils samples there. The guys doing the small
- 18 arms ranges are also collecting soil from the bottom of the
- 19 pit and up from this area (indicating).
- 20 If anything is seen in those soil samples, it's
- 21 soluble and mobile, looks like it could be a source for
- 22 contamination, then that will lead us to go back up and look
- 23 at the groundwater there and we'll know we're at least focused
- 24 on an area that's a likely source.
- 25 Right now what we've more or less done is gone to

- 1 the throat and said, it can't get out if it doesn't pass
 - through here, so we have a sentinel system in place. That was
- 3 the concept behind what we did.
- 4 What have we found so far? What we found is this
- 5 model works pretty well. Indeed, there's an alluvium. One of
- 6 you asked the question: What is an overburden well? When I
- 7 have a bedrock system and I have soil above it, that soil is
- 8 called overburden. It's small particle-sized materials, so
- 9 sand, silt and clay, that weathered off this mountain and
- 10 placed on top of the bedrock or has weathered in place, hence
- 11 overburden. It's over the bedrock.
- 12 The wells that we have placed, what we try to do is
- 13 place them at two depths: shallow ones in what we believed
- 14 was -- well, what was the first saturated zone encountered,
- 15 the first water that can actually flow in the ground, we
- 16 screened a well in that area. We tried for some deeper wells
- 17 looking for the Troutdale formation. That is the productive
- 18 aquifer that's used throughout this area.
- 19 The alluvium system does not produce very much water
- 20 and is not a good source for potable supply. In fact, in the
- 21 state of Washington, if you can't get down 15 feet before you
- 22 hit water, you're not supposed to put a potable well in there.
- 23 The state has held they want some good, clean soil over the
- 24 top to help protect your water supply. But more importantly,
- 25 it's the Troutdale that produces enough water that you can put

- in supply wells and get good, constant supply. So we were
- 2 looking for that.
- 3 What did we find out here? Let's take ourselves a
- 4 cross-section right through like this (indicating). What we
- 5 found is, as you would suspect, there's a bedrock surface
- 6 there. Now, on the sides, that bedrock comes up rapidly.
- 7 Let's say we take our line all the way back just to give a
- 8 representation of that. Somewhere back in there when we get
- 9 to where the mountains have been pushed up, this bedrock gets
- 10 very steeply inclined. Next what we found is that there is,
- 11 indeed, an alluvial layer here. Somewhere down towards the
- 12 west we start to see this tapering off and disappearing, and
- 13 the Troutdale starts.
- 14 This is DA-3 (indicating). We did not find the
- 15 Troutdale at DA-3. We found alluvium down to the weathered
- 16 bedrock surface at this point. Now, I got to tell you, I have
- 17 not seen all the well logs, and we need to evaluate that
- 18 further. I'm giving you our first impressions in the spirit
- 19 of trying to share with you what we know as fast as we know
- 20 it.
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: Gaynor, just to carry on that. I
- 22 also want to just make sure that everybody understands, this
- 23 is the Army's interpretation of the preliminary data. It
- 24 still needs to be confirmed and reviewed by the Department of
- 25 Ecology and EPA. I want to make perfectly clear, so nobody

- 1 thinks we're misrepresenting anything, this is the preliminary
- 2 data as the Army interprets it. It needs to be confirmed and
- 3 reviewed by everybody. I want to make sure you all know that.
- 4 GAYNOR DAWSON: Sure.
- 5 Here is the property boundary. At the property
- 6 boundary, and we put in four wells around here, both shallow
- 7 and deep, they were all in the Troutdale. The Troutdale
- 8 actually surfaces out here. We did not find what we felt was
- 9 an alluvial over it.
- 10 So somewhere between DA-3, the Demo Area 3, and the
- 11 boundary, the Troutdale pinches out and disappears. Why do I
- 12 say that? Well, real good factor we found here, we put five
- 13 wells in around DA-3, four of them shallow, you'll see on
- 14 those maps, we surrounded it, then we put a deep well in. The
- deep well was based right in this weathered rock, right at the
- 16 surface. It's artesian. This was put in during the wet
- 17 weather. When you take the cap off that well, the water --
- 18 the wellhead sits three foot above the ground, the water comes
- 19 right up and out of that. This is the second site for Olympia
- 20 beer, for those of you who can remember when there was an
- 21 Olympia beer. It's not even a mill anymore.
- 22 This one is artesian. How can that be artesian?
- 23 It's artesian because this overburden is so tight, clays and
- 24 so forth, that the water that comes in at the mountain runs
- 25 down the weathered bedrock like it was in a pipe. And it's

- 1 got enough head on it, because it starts clear up here on the
- 2 mountain side, that it's enough to push it right out the top
- 3 of that well when you put a pipe down there and let it out.
- 4 Over time, as we go into the summer, this water
- 5 starts to go away, we don't have as much rainfall, not as much
- 6 infiltration, this head drops down the mountain, and pretty
- 7 soon it won't flow out of that well. Some of you have
- 8 probably all observed that if you've gone out to Demo Area 3
- 9 very often.
- 10 This is kind of the crater hole, 20 foot across,
- 11 usually full of water. Looks like the water is actually
- 12 higher than the ground around it. This last summer, it was
- 13 dry. Drought conditions here and all were such that the head
- 14 on the mountain here was clear down in the lower reaches, and
- 15 $\,$ it wasn't enough to push the water up through into that crater
- 16 bottom.
- 17 Now, what that means is, when it's pressurized, this
- 18 water is trying to flow up here. When we get out here in the
- 19 Troutdale, the gradients were all down. The water, as you
- 20 would expect, is trying to flow down. As the Troutdale gets
- 21 very thick out here, those of you that are familiar with Clark
- 22 County's water supply, you know that the Troutdale is a very
- 23 extensive aquifer out there, and it gets very deep. It's
- 24 wedge-shaped and growing in thickness as it comes out. These
- 25 are the old Wallula flood deposits. The water coming here,

- 1 the rain hits on the surface, it's working down. The flow is
- 2 moving out (indicating).
- 3 First thing is we have a pretty good picture now of
- 4 what this looks like in cross-section, how that works. The
- 5 next question really is: Was our model correct? If you look
- 6 at the colored chart, what you see are the flow lines. The
- 7 water will flow from the bigger numbers to the smaller numbers
- 8 because that's the surface of the lake that lies under the
- 9 soil that you're seeing there.
- 10 So if we draw our basin again, what we see, and we
- 11 didn't just measure the new wells, we had them measure
- 12 existing wells at the same time, and as you can see from those
- 13 contour lines, the flows basically support a groundwater
- 14 pattern that is perfectly analogous to Lacamas Creek. The
- 15 groundwater is responding to a bedrock surface just as Lacamas
- 16 Creek is responding to the topography or the soil surface, and
- 17 they're all trying to get out of the basin at the same time.
- 18 Now, the groundwater is flowing a lot more slowly
- 19 than the creek is. This addresses another question one of you
- 20 asked. What is hydraulic conductivity and what is velocity?
- 21 The analogy I like to use is an electrical one that may not
- 22 help a lot here. Let's look at it this way.
- 23 Flow of water, first of all, responds to pressure
- 24 difference, which is our gradient. The bigger slope we put on
- 25 it, the faster the water will flow down. Hydraulic

- 1 conductivity refers to the ability for that fluid to flow
- 2 through the media that it's trying to flow through. If it was
- 3 just water in a pipe, you could look at it, it would flow just
- 4 as fast as it could get down a pipe. When you pack that pipe
- 5 full of soil and rocks, those water molecules hit those solid
- 6 objects and they have to work their way around it. When they
- 7 rub against those particles, friction slows them down.
- 8 Hydraulic conductivity then is kind of the reverse
- 9 of resistance to flow. If you think of electrical
- 10 conductivity, you have what's called conductance versus
- 11 resistance. Conductance would be identical to hydraulic
- 12 conductivity, hence the common term conductivity.
- 13 IAN RAY: Are questions in order as you speak?
- 14 GAYNOR DAWSON: Sure.
- 15 IAN RAY: The units are the same in this Landfill 4
- 16 investigation. Hydraulic conductivity and groundwater
- 17 velocity are both in centimeters per second.
- 18 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's correct.
- 19 IAN RAY: How can they be different?
- 20 GAYNOR DAWSON: Because one of them is, in fact,
- 21 talking about a flow across.
- 22 IAN RAY: In the electrical analogy, conductivity
- 23 would also have a quantity component, wouldn't it? Like it's
- 24 amperes, a quantity.
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's exactly correct. Groundwater

- 1 velocity is measured as the gradient, that's the pressure, the
- 2 forcing, times hydraulic conductivity. If you're looking at
- 3 poor water velocity, you divide by the porosity. But
- 4 gradient, you see, is unitless. It's feet per feet, just as
- 5 you would measure the slope on a hill. I go down two feet for
- 6 every foot I go out.
- 7 So this ends up having the same units as groundwater
- 8 velocity, but it's a different number because it's been
- 9 modified by what my gradient is. If I'm looking at poor water
- 10 velocity, which is porosity, that is dimensionless, because
- 11 porosity is a percent number. Yes, they have the same units,
- 12 but they're not the same number for any given situation.
- 13 Ben, do you want to jump on that, modify anything
- 14 I've said?
- 15 BEN FORSON: You're doing pretty good.
- 16 DON WASTLER: Is a timber harvest, even a selective
- 17 timber harvest, going to increase the velocity?
- 18 GAYNOR DAWSON: Good question. What typically
- 19 happens when you change factors like that, you change the
- 20 balance of how much water infiltrates and gets into the system
- 21 in the first place versus how much runs over the surface.
- 22 DON WASTLER: Kind of what I'm asking is, as you
- 23 guys are doing this, are you accounting for what Clark County
- 24 has in their Reuse Plan for timber harvest?
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: As we're doing what?

- 1 DON WASTLER: Analyzing this for water flow and
- 2 contaminants flow.
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: At this point, no. We're looking at
- 4 current conditions. We're looking to see is there even
- 5 contamination out there in the groundwater that poses a
- 6 problem? Obviously, if we find a plume out there, and there
- 7 are things that could happen that would dramatically change
- 8 flow rates, yes, we'd have to take them into consideration.
- 9 We're not there yet. What we have now is we have a pretty
- 10 good model of where it's flowing.
- 11 We feel pretty good about where our wells are. In
- 12 the very near future, hopefully a few weeks, we'll have the
- 13 first rounds of data to tell you whether there's anything in
- 14 that water or not. But I don't have those data yet.
- 15 DON WASTLER: As you were explaining this, with the
- 16 velocity, I know that Clark County's Reuse Plan has a timber
- 17 harvest, even selective, in mind. I'm just wondering how
- 18 that's going to change that and how fast that stuff's going to
- 19 flow towards the wells if it is there.
- 20 GAYNOR DAWSON: It certainly can have an impact on
- 21 it. In my experience, if it's good husbandry of the forest
- 22 resource, it will not have a significant impact on it. But
- 23 there's no question, it can have an impact.
- 24 What it does, it changes the soil's capacity to hold
- 25 moisture. The less it can hold, the faster it's going to want

- 1 to move off when it rains.
- 2 KAREN KINGSTON: You've said "if there is a plume."
- 3 Are you implying to us that you do not feel Landfill 4 has a
- 4 plume?
- 5 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm not speaking to that. I'm
- 6 speaking about the new wells that have gone in. There's no
- 7 question there's a plume at Landfill 4. The good news is, you
- 8 can see on your map, it's a long way from getting off-site.
- 9 We have lots of time to evaluate and do something about it.
- 10 KAREN KINGSTON: Then talking about the hydrology.
- 11 Where the bedrock rises, the alluvial lessens, however you
- 12 want to say it, because the Troutdale is up closer to the
- 13 surface, are you --
- 14 GAYNOR DAWSON: Let me be sure you understand
- 15 correctly. The bedrock is falling away, and the Troutdale is
- 16 thickening as the bedrock falls away as you go west off-site.
- 17 KAREN KINGSTON: So as you go west, in that
- 18 scenario, would that change the hydrology to where the water
- 19 then would not just run into Lacamas Creek, it may go in a
- 20 side forward direction?
- 21 GAYNOR DAWSON: We're not saying the water runs into
- 22 Lacamas Creek. We're saying it is paralleling Lacamas Creek,
- 23 flowing in the same direction underneath the surface just as
- 24 Lacamas Creek is flowing. That's very common. Your
- 25 groundwater systems typically flow down the valleys under the

- 1 soil just like your surface water is flowing on top of the
- 2 valley.
- We're not saying that's all discharging into Lacamas
- 4 Creek by any stretch of the imagination. As the Troutdale
- 5 thickens, you have massive quantities of water flowing down
- 6 there. That's why your wells are so productive.
- 7 KAREN KINGSTON: What studies are you basing your
- 8 Troutdale perspectives as far as this goes? I thought the
- 9 last known study out there was by Mundorf, 1964. What are you
- 10 basing your Troutdale studies on? I didn't know there are
- 11 any.
- 12 GAYNOR DAWSON: There's a tremendous number of wells
- 13 that have been developed into the Troutdale. The Troutdale is
- 14 typically characterized by boulders and large classed gravel
- 15 materials. It's been identified in part, obviously an
- 16 interpretation on our part, other also have to look to see if
- 17 they agree, it's a dramatic change between the fine clay-like
- 18 materials in alluvium and the much more productive graveling
- 19 of the Troutdale.
- 20 Me personally, I've put a whole lot of wells in, in
- 21 a place called Boom Snuff (phonetic), BOC gases site. If you
- 22 go back far enough, I'm and old man, we studied the whole
- 23 Clark County aquifer for people. We think we have a pretty
- 24 good idea how to distinguish it when we find it.
- 25 SEAN SHELDRAKE: You briefly covered the Demolition

- 1 Area 2 well locations. I'm confused as to why they're so far
- 2 down-gradient from the approximate demolition area location
- 3 based on the aerials.
- 4 GAYNOR DAWSON: Because it's so steep in there, we
- 5 could not get a drill rig higher up the hill, not comfortably.
- 6 We went to where we could safely put a drill well in. We
- 7 worked with it the WDOE geologist, felt it was the safest
- 8 place to put it because we didn't know the exact location.
- 9 I'm not casting dispersion on Greg, but we're not really sure
- 10 where the activity was. We wanted to be sure we were far
- 11 enough down we would intercept a plume because you can't drill
- 12 a well every two feet.
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: Further, at the time we didn't have
- 14 Greg's interpretation of the photos either.
- 15 GAYNOR DAWSON: Fair enough.
- 16 SEAN SHELDRAKE: The point I'd like to raise is that
- 17 at 700 to 1,000 feet from the approximate demolition area
- 18 location, even if there was something there that's several
- 19 orders of magnitude above drinking water standards, it could
- 20 very well dilute by the time it gets to the well locations to
- 21 the point it's non-detectable. In essence, we're hanging our
- 22 hat on the soils sampling, isn't that correct?
- 23 GAYNOR DAWSON: If you believe there's that much
- 24 dilution potential in there. Nobody is going to put a well
- 25 between those and Demo Area 3, so what's the risk you're

- 1 worried about if it's already naturally diluting below levels
- 2 you would see it?
- 3 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I'd be worried about what potential
- 4 source exists if the soil samples -- what potential source of
- 5 contamination exists within the demolition area that the soils
- 6 sampling isn't designed to identify.
- 7 GAYNOR DAWSON: But we gridded the demo area and we
- 8 looked for a full suite of chemicals. We didn't just look for
- 9 explosives. What are we missing?
- 10 SEAN SHELDRAKE: The point I'm trying to raise is
- 11 we're hanging our hat on the soil sampling plan for Demo
- 12 Area 2 essentially, isn't that correct?
- 13 GAYNOR DAWSON: I guess I would --
- 14 SEAN SHELDRAKE: The wells could be 2,000 feet away
- 15 from the source of contamination.
- 16 GAYNOR DAWSON: It is possible the source is far
- 17 away. What I would contend is if we don't see anything there,
- 18 it probably suggests there's not a great risk, then the risk
- 19 is a soil risk. We have gridded all the areas we can find up
- 20 there as potential sources, and we should see something if
- 21 there's truly a risk. If we don't see it in the soil, we
- 22 don't see it in the water, I fail to see where there's a
- 23 significant risk.
- 24 SEAN SHELDRAKE: Why I'm concerned, we're hanging
- 25 our hat on the soil sampling plan. EPA has fundamental

- 1 problems with the quality assurance plan that was used for
 - this soil sampling effort. I think folks should be aware that
- 3 these wells, in EPA's opinion, are too far away to be a safety
- 4 net in terms of proving the non-existence of groundwater
- 5 contamination.
- 6 BEN FORSON: One way of looking at such a scenario,
- 7 look at it -- look at it this way. The source can only be in
- 8 the soils within the demolition area, in the soil. So you
- 9 look for contamination in the soil formation in that area. If
- 10 you find soil contamination, chances are it's in the
- 11 groundwater. At that time you can assess whether you have to
- 12 install new monitoring wells as close as possible to the
- 13 demolition area that can be done. That will also be done
- 14 depending on the soil levels that you find.
- 15 If there is no contamination in the soils within the
- 16 demolition area, if you don't detect any contamination there,
- 17 chances are you don't have the source at the moment. It could
- 18 be that you had it, but it's already leached out so you're not
- 19 seeing it in the soil.
- 20 So then the question becomes: It's already a plume
- 21 in the groundwater, and the next assessment is between this
- 22 point and the point where I have my well, is there any
- 23 receptor, sensitive receptor, between this area? If there are
- 24 no sensitive receptors in this area, then you have to assess,
- 25 if there is a plume coming through from this soil, this well

- 1 that I have, is it going to intercept it? That's the most
- 2 important thing.
- 3 DON WASTLER: Point of order. A bunch of people had
- 4 their hands up.
- 5 KAREN KINGSTON: We'll let everybody finish their
- 6 thought here.
- 7 IAN RAY: This is very difficult, but I would ask
- 8 you rather than a receptor in between those two points you
- 9 just described, is there a possibility of a short circuit
- 10 where the contamination goes off to the side somewhere?
- 11 BEN FORSON: That is the question I ask. If you
- 12 have a plume, is the well that you have, is it going to
- 13 intercept it? You have to assess that scenario.
- 14 IAN RAY: It might not intercept it.
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: True.
- 16 BEN FORSON: If that becomes a scenario, then you
- 17 have to investigate it.
- 18 GAYNOR DAWSON: What I would suggest to you is, with
- 19 that in mind, we put a line across here to intercept it, we
- 20 put a line across here to intercept it: two points at which
- 21 we can intercept it. Can we guarantee with a hundred percent
- 22 certainty we will intercept everything? No, we can't. But if
- 23 we have trouble intercepting it with that many wells, we're
- 24 talking about an awfully small plume that has somehow slipped
- 25 between the picket fence.

- 1 It's possible, anything is possible. We're trying
- 2 to manage this in a way that doesn't break the bank, because
- 3 the Federal Government is our taxpayer dollars, as well.
- 4 We've taken a shot. Right now what the model is telling us,
- 5 what the wells are telling us, is this is a bedrock slope and
- 6 that water is going to flow down to these wells because it
- 7 really doesn't have anywhere else to go. It's on a ramp.
- 8 It's going to the bottom.
- 9 IAN RAY: Go ahead.
- 10 KAREN KINGSTON: The next person would have been
- 11 Chuck, then Christine.
- 12 CHUCK MASON: I've just come on board here in the
- 13 last couple months, so I don't know what all's been done. The
- 14 surface water in Lacamas Creek, has that ever showed any type
- 15 of pollution?
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: The three times that we've tested
- 17 it, no.
- 18 CHUCK MASON: No? Then why are we wasting money
- 19 drilling holes in the ground then? Wouldn't it show in the
- 20 groundwater first?
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: You mean surface water?
- 22 GAYNOR DAWSON: There's a potential you have
- 23 contamination.
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: We have contaminated groundwater.
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: There's a potential you can have

- 1 contaminated groundwater that has not daylighted in the
- 2 stream. It could daylight in the stream. You have so much
- 3 flow in the stream that it can dilute the low detection
- 4 limits.
- 5 You make some good points. We've chosen to err on
- 6 the safe side. The safe side said: Let's put some additional
- 7 well banks in to see if there's anything moving towards
- 8 Lacamas Creek that we're not seeing in the creek.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: Christine.
- 10 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: If Demo 1 has a couple of
- 11 deep wells along with the shallow wells, what is the reason
- 12 behind Demo 2 not having any deep wells with their grouping?
- 13 GAYNOR DAWSON: First of all, we wanted to see if
- 14 there was anything there. The contamination is coming from
- 15 the soil, so it encounters the shallow water first. The
- 16 reason there are deep holes at Landfill 4, we found some
- 17 stuff, and we need to see: Is it going deeper or out
- 18 laterally?
- 19 If you look at the layering here, here is our soil,
- 20 here is the shallow groundwater, here is the deeper
- 21 groundwater (indicating). If the chemicals are coming from
- 22 the soil, it has to pass through here. We're looking for its
- 23 trail before we worry about whether it's going deeper.
- 24 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: If you place your shallow
- 25 wells so far away, is there a potential that we could miss

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- 1 them?
- 2 GAYNOR DAWSON: There is a potential. As I say,
- 3 we've got to evaluate the well logs to make that assessment.
- 4 In about two weeks, we'll have the soil data up there. That
- 5 will tell us a lot as to whether there's any reason to think
- 6 there's anything in there.
- 7 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: There was shallow wells put
- 8 in Landfill 4 before they put the deep wells in, is that
- 9 right?
- 10 GAYNOR DAWSON: I believe that's correct.
- 11 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I thought you put six of them
- 12 in at the same time.
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: No. The first two that went in --
- 14 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: -- were shallow?
- 15 ERIC WAEHLING: Yeah, I believe so.
- 16 VALERIE LANE: They didn't even draw water off the
- 17 one
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: These were the ones that were
- installed back in the '97/'98 time frame.
- 20 KAREN KINGSTON: I think Ian is next.
- 21 BRUCE OVERBAY: I think Val is next.
- 22 VALERIE LANE: I had a question about your
- 23 Demolition Area Number 3. I believe the water doesn't just
- 24 flow down. I live right across the street from Camp
- 25 Bonneville. The water comes from the south and flows back

- 1 into Camp Bonneville. It has to be coming off the hill there.
- 2 It must be flowing --
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: You're up in this area (indicating)?
- 4 VALERIE LANE: Right across the street. My water
- comes around my place, comes down off the hill, flows back to
- 6 the north, back into Camp Bonneville.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: The southwest corner, Valerie?
- 8 VALERIE LANE: Yes.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Actually, if you look at the map.
- 10 VALERIE LANE: I'm right across from the south gate,
- 11 900 feet, right here (indicating). There has to be water
- 12 coming this way, comes down this way, then it goes right back
- 13 in here (indicating).
- 14 GAYNOR DAWSON: If it's coming back off this way,
- 15 it's quite a bit higher than where we are with these.
- 16 VALERIE LANE: These are big hills here
- 17 (indicating).
- 18 GAYNOR DAWSON: Right.
- 19 VALERIE LANE: The water has to be coming back.
- 20 This is an artesian well.
- 21 GAYNOR DAWSON: If you were to draw a line to these
- 22 peaks right here, that's the ridge line. You're right,
- 23 there's an area here where water has to flow to the south.
- 24 VALERIE LANE: Comes back that way (indicating).
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's correct.

- 1 IAN RAY: On Figure 3.3 in the expanded site
- 2 investigation, are you familiar with that map?
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: If I look at it close, probably.
- 4 IAN RAY: My question will be, it shows the
- 5 Troutdale aquifer as limited by this line (indicating). It
- 6 doesn't show whether the Troutdale aquifer extends
- 7 northeasterly under the QA, which is called alluvium.
- 8 GAYNOR DAWSON: My only caution for you is you'll
- 9 notice that's a dashed line. To a geologist, that means he's
- 10 assuming where the boundary is, he doesn't know it accurately.
- 11 All I can tell you is, when we drilled the well at
- 12 Demo Area 3, we did not find it. We did not encounter the
- 13 Troutdale. In fact, the deep well there bailed dry.
- 14 IAN RAY: This configuration shown on this map is
- 15 also shown on USGS maps that have been obtained in Portland.
- 16 It shows that little tongue going out there past Camp
- 17 Bonneville. The tip of it is 2,000 feet directly south of
- 18 Landfill 4. So if this is the pinch point of the Troutdale
- 19 aquifer, we're only 2,000 feet from Landfill 4, and you can
- 20 get contaminated water following the bedrock and slipping into
- 21 the Troutdale aguifer.
- 22 GAYNOR DAWSON: I understand that. What I'm telling
- 23 you is our data do not show that that is a real finding.
- 24 ERIC WAEHLING: Can you comment on how USGS usually
- 25 defines a regional geology?

- 1 GAYNOR DAWSON: I don't want to put myself in a
- 2 position of speaking for the USGS. All I can tell you is what
- 3 we've seen out there, we did not find it at Demo Area 3. They
- 4 could be right. There could be a ton of it up in there
- 5 somewhere. We have not seen it in the drills wells we
- 6 drilled.
- 7 IAN RAY: You only drilled one boring to locate the
- 8 Troutdale aquifer?
- 9 GAYNOR DAWSON: We drilled four.
- 10 IAN RAY: Was it a cluster of six?
- 11 GAYNOR DAWSON: We drilled four along the boundary
- 12 of the site, one back at the demo area where we did not find
- 13 it. That's why I say, we felt we had bracketed the line, at
- 14 least in the area of Demo 3, as to where the Troutdale pinched
- 15 out.
- 16 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I just wanted to make one
- 17 clarification in terms of EPA's position on Demolition Area 2.
- 18 If there was a plume that fell short of the nearest
- 19 well, we would not consider that a small plume. If there's a
- 20 plume that fell just within the red box, we wouldn't consider
- 21 that a small or innocuous plume necessarily just on the face
- 22 of it.
- 23 Again, because we're basically hanging our hats on
- 24 the soil sampling plan, a question for Eric. I'm curious why
- 25 EPA didn't get a response to our quality assurance plan

- 1 comments.
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: The comments on Landfill 4? There
- 3 were numerous responses.
- 4 SEAN SHELDRAKE: On the soil sampling quality
- 5 assurance plan, firing ranges.
- 6 ERIC WAEHLING: There were numerous responses to
- 7 that.
- 8 SEAN SHELDRAKE: We never received comments on the
- 9 fundamentals, chain of custody.
- 10 BEN FORSON: Is this the right forum for response?
- 11 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I think so. You may disagree. I
- 12 think it's important because the investigation currently is
- 13 going to be hanging its hat on soil sampling data for
- 14 Demolition Area 2. Given the disparate location of the wells,
- 15 the data quality, in EPA's opinion, is going to be suspect
- 16 without some fundamental adherence to quality assurance.
- 17 ERIC WAEHLING: Well, Sean, I can answer in this
- 18 way. We are following the standard procedures that are being
- 19 used throughout the country elsewhere that we are using --
- 20 SEAN SHELDRAKE: What procedures are those?
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: We're using EPA certified labs. The
- 22 Department of Ecology was satisfied with the QAP.
- 23 SEAN SHELDRAKE: What quality assurance guidelines
- 24 are you following?
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: We're following Corps of Engineers

- 1 quality assurance standard guidelines.
- 2 SEAN SHELDRAKE: If you have a citation for that,
- 3 I'd be interested in seeing it.
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: I don't have it right here.
- 5 SEAN SHELDRAKE: At any point I'd be interested in
- 6 seeing that.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: The bottom line was, we felt that
- 8 our QAP was sufficient, technically sufficient to produce data
- 9 that was of sufficient quality to meet our needs, and that it
- 10 was time to actually get out and start sampling and stop
- 11 having back and forth on technical details.
- 12 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I'm not aware of any quality
- 13 assurance template that your soil sampling plan adhered to.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: Okay.
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: I have a question myself. I would
- 16 certainly hope Department of Ecology is on the same keynote as
- 17 EPA with that.
- 18 ERIC WAEHLING: She asked if Ecology was on the same
- 19 keynote as EPA.
- 20 BEN FORSON: With regards to?
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: With everything Sean was just
- 22 speaking to.
- 23 DAWN HOPPER: Can I just clarify? I don't
- 24 understand your question. Are you asking if Ecology agrees
- 25 with the statement that Sean just made that he hadn't seen a

- 1 QAP yet?
- 2 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes.
- 3 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I didn't say that. The quality
- 4 assurance plan prepared doesn't follow any established
- 5 guidelines that I'm aware of, just to be clear. They do have
- 6 a QAP. It's just I didn't think the quality of the QAP met
- 7 any established standards.
- 8 DAWN HOPPER: So your question to Eric is that you'd
- 9 like to see that?
- 10 BEN FORSON: Do I agree with the QAP that was used?
- 11 KAREN KINGSTON: That you have established
- 12 procedures that you have in place that maybe EPA does not. Is
- 13 that what you can tell us?
- 14 BEN FORSON: Ecology's requirements for preparation
- of sampling a plan is different from EPA's. Based on
- 16 Ecology's requirement, that was adequate.
- 17 KAREN KINGSTON: So the lack of or nonexistent
- 18 procedures that Sean was speaking of was okay with Ecology?
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: I object to the terms "lack of" or
- 20 "nonexistent." They existed.
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: They existed with the Corps of
- 22 Engineers.
- 23 BEN FORSON: Sean is aware of EPA's requirement.
- 24 Are you aware of Ecology's requirement for site preparation?
- 25 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I wasn't aware that that had been

- 1 followed. It wasn't cited in the document that I could find.
- 2 That's why I'd asked what guidance document, be it Army, be it
- 3 Ecology, be it EPA, someone's: Whose data quality guidance
 - document was used to prepare this quality assurance plan? In
- 5 comparing it to EPA's quality assurance guidelines, the QAP
- 6 was lacking, it was lacking.
- 7 BEN FORSON: I can understand you if EPA
- 8 requirements were not met.
- 9 SEAN SHELDRAKE: They weren't.
- 10 BEN FORSON: Okay, I can understand you. But MOTCA
- 11 requirements were met.
- 12 KAREN KINGSTON: Were met.
- 13 SEAN SHELDRAKE: What were those requirements, in
- 14 terms of a citation?
- 15 BEN FORSON: Look at the regs.
- 16 SEAN SHELDRAKE: Do you have a citation?
- 17 BEN FORSON: It's in the regulations.
- 18 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I'm looking for what template
- 19 quidance, what have you, did the quality assurance plan
- 20 follow?
- 21 BEN FORSON: We discussed this. I told you
- 22 particularly don't just look for order of things, evaluate
- 23 every topic on its own merit.
- 24 SEAN SHELDRAKE: Again, EPA's position is --
- 25 BEN FORSON: You wanted them to follow EPA guidance

- 1 word by word.
- 2 SEAN SHELDRAKE: I never said that the Army had to
- 3 follow EPA guidance. I said they had to follow someone's
- 4 guidance with respect to data quality. To this day, I have
- 5 not found evidence of that.
- 6 KAREN KINGSTON: I believe he's just looking for a
- 7 citation. Could you provide him with something like that
- 8 during the week?
- 9 DON WASTLER: He's looking for a rule book, some
- 10 document that says you're following something rather than
- 11 writing your own rules.
- 12 BEN FORSON: I can send him a chapter of the
- 13 regulations that addresses that.
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: Great.
- 15 DON WASTLER: One quick little thing.
- 16 KAREN KINGSTON: Just a minute. Then we'll get to
- 17 you.
- 18 Has the Troutdale been designated as sole source
- 19 aguifer?
- 20 GAYNOR DAWSON: I don't know the answer to that.
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: Wouldn't that be something you need
- 22 to know?
- 23 GAYNOR DAWSON: I don't believe it has. But I can't
- 24 categorically say anywhere in -- somewhere in the state it may
- 25 have. I do not believe it has in this region. It's possible

- 1 somewhere. I'm not aware of that to the extent it may have
- 2 been.
- 3 DON WASTLER: May I suggest you collaborate with
- 4 Mr. Ray on this. He's done some extensive research on this
- 5 very thing. He's got maybe some stuff you guys can work
- 6 together on. I know he spent some time on this. He's brought
- 7 it up at numerous meetings before.
- 8 GAYNOR DAWSON: We'd be happy to see anything that
- 9 would help elucidate.
- 10 IAN RAY: Thank you, Don. But I'm trying to
- 11 understand this in the first place. I don't know that you
- 12 want to collaborate with me yet. I want to collaborate with
- 13 you.
- 14 VALERIE LANE: He'll let you know.
- 15 GAYNOR DAWSON: Fair enough.
- 16 DON WASTLER: I'm saying he's done some extensive
- 17 research on this. He's not talking off the top of his head.
- 18 JEROEN KOK: You mentioned at the beginning of your
- 19 presentation that you started out with a conceptual model; the
- 20 subsurface mimics the surface as far as water flow.
- 21 GAYNOR DAWSON: Right.
- 22 JEROEN KOK: You've been able to collect some data
- 23 based on the well logs and what you found. I'm wondering if
- 24 you can state what your confidence level is on the conceptual
- 25 model based on the data that you've collected.

- 1 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm very confident of it.
- 2 JEROEN KOK: Could you put a percentage on it?
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: What, are you a lawyer?
- 4 I guess I'm well above 75%. I'm in the 80s. You
- know, I think to defy that model now, what you'd have to find
- 6 is some significant fracture or fault zone or something that
- 7 may somehow provide a conduit for water to flow alternately.
- 8 That's pretty doggone confident bedrock out there.
- 9 The uplift here occurred before the Troutdale and the more
- 10 recent alluvium were laid down. This is all very consistent
- 11 with the geologic history of the region.
- 12 I would be less confident if we found something out
- 13 there that was somehow questionable given that model. But
- 14 everything we saw was absolutely consistent with the model.
- 15 So I'm feeling pretty good about it.
- 16 JEROEN KOK: Thank you.
- 17 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm an optimist.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: I have a question. It would seem
- 19 to me, just being a layman in geology, if you have soil,
- 20 you're concerned there could be contamination in it, you punch
- 21 down with a well through the Troutdale aquifer, and how can
- 22 you tell me you're not providing a transport hole directly
- 23 into it, without having any knowledge, because you're not
- 24 doing soil sampling first?
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: Here is the crater. First of all,

- 1 the four shallow wells were placed stepped out so they did not
- 2 go through the source area.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: I'm talking about the bottom ones
- 4 down by Lacamas Creek.
- GAYNOR DAWSON: That's not a source area. What we
- 6 did -- it's all Troutdale. There was no alluvium. If there's
- 7 a conduit out there, it already exists. It's all a single,
- 8 contiguous gravel unit.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Maybe her question is more to the
- 10 line of how is a well constructed to keep from cross
- 11 contamination.
- 12 GAYNOR DAWSON: The wells are constructed with
- 13 bentonite, grout, dikes if you will, to keep water from being
- 14 able to flow down the outside of the pipe and intermix.
- 15 What I'll tell you is nothing was found out here
- 16 that would act as a natural blocking layer. So the Troutdale
- 17 out here is mixing itself. It had downward gradients and the
- 18 water is moving down all along the Troutdale. There weren't
- 19 contiguous what we call aquatards or layers that would stop it
- 20 from mixing naturally. That's why it's such a productive
- 21 aquifer.
- 22 KAREN KINGSTON: Where the pipeline comes through,
- 23 the EIS for the Northwest Natural Gas pipeline, they said
- 24 there's liquefied soil, soil liquefication (sic).
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: Liquefaction.

- 1 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's in the alluvium. That's not
- 2 where the Troutdale is at the surface, it's back up here in
- 3 the alluvium (indicating). That's what happens when certain
- 4 types of soil get saturated, they liquefy.
- 5 KAREN KINGSTON: The pipeline goes across Lacamas
- 6 down here at the bottom.
- 7 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's right.
- 8 KAREN KINGSTON: Not back where you're talking
- 9 about.
- 10 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm sorry. It's right here
- 11 (indicating). We did not find the Troutdale back here with
- 12 the well. We found it here on the boundary (indicating). It
- 13 may exist in parts that we didn't bore. I don't want to
- 14 mislead you. Where we put our wells, the only place we found
- 15 the Troutdale was on the property boundary.
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: I want to mention it's 9:15. I know
- 17 Gaynor and myself, I don't want to speak on behalf of Ben and
- 18 Greg, we're willing to stick around. I wanted to let people
- 19 know it was 9:15, give an opportunity for folks to respond
- 20 however they want to.
- 21 IAN RAY: I don't want to keep you, but I do want to
- 22 get answers to these questions. If somehow someone will
- 23 commit to giving me answers.
- 24 ERIC WAEHLING: I'll hand you the written answers
- 25 today, right now. We can continue talking. I just wanted

- 1 folks to know.
- 2 DON WASTLER: I have something for open discussion.
- 3 I'm staying.
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: That's fine. Just wanted to let
- 5 everybody know.
- 6 JEROEN KOK: Just so we can weigh our options, Eric,
- 7 is it an option to invite Gaynor back for a subsequent
- 8 meeting?
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Certainly. It's dependent upon his
- 10 availability.
- 11 DON WASTLER: He said in a couple weeks he'd have
- 12 more information.
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: Right. Gaynor is a pretty busy guy.
- 14 We can certainly try to coordinate with his schedule to have
- 15 it mesh with ours, as well.
- 16 GREG JOHNSON: He's very popular.
- 17 GAYNOR DAWSON: I don't know about that. Sometimes
- 18 that's not good either. I would be happy, as the data come
- 19 in, to talk to you about it, tell you how I view it. As far
- 20 as I'm concerned, the data will hopefully speak for
- 21 themselves.
- 22 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm more than willing to pay Gaynor,
- 23 to have Gaynor come back.
- 24 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I would like to have him come
- 25 back and interpret maybe some of what we found out.

- 1 KAREN KINGSTON: Still we need to move on with the
- 2 discussion. I imagine some of them are going to be directed
- 3 at him from the questions.
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: Do we want to give an opportunity
- 5 for those people that need to leave an opportunity to leave,
- 6 then we can continue the discussion. Does anybody need to
- 7 leave?
- 8 VALERIE LANE: I'm going to leave. I have to work
- 9 for a living.
- 10 DON WASTLER: I have something for discussion that
- 11 everybody should hear.
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: We've gone past our time, Don.
- 13 DON WASTLER: It wasn't my fault.
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: Meetings for the RAB are anywhere
- 15 from two to four hours. You were notified of that when you
- 16 applied for the RAB. It's in the guidelines. If somebody has
- 17 to leave, they have to leave. You can't keep somebody here
- 18 just to hear everything. But that's fine.
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: Before folks leave, do we want to
- 20 establish when we want to have our next meeting, then we can
- 21 continue on with the discussion.
- 22 JEROEN KOK: Next month.
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: Do we want it next month?
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes. The next meeting is May 14th.
- 25 We have a choice of the operations center, the PUD. We

- 1 actually double booked until we talk to everybody to see where
- you would rather have the meetings. We can have it at the PUD operation center or Fire District 5. Jennifer was able to
- book that. I'm in favor of the fire department because we can
- run over. Operations center we cannot. Does anybody have any
- input there?
- 7 BRUCE OVERBAY: This is all Fire District 5. Which
- 8 station?
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: The same place we've been doing it.
- 10 BRUCE OVERBAY: 88.
- 11 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I like Camp Bonneville.
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: I'd love to do it at Camp
- 13 Bonneville. Unfortunately, it became obvious to me that it
- 14 just isn't an appropriate facility for these meetings because
- 15 of bathroom access, the condition of the stairs. I'm not
- 16 comfortable continuing to do that. It needs work.
- 17 BUD VAN CLEVE: If we run short at time on PUD and
- have to cut it off, we're better off where we have more 18
- 19 flexibility.
- 20 KAREN KINGSTON: That's the fire station, back where
- 21 we were before.
- 22 BUD VAN CLEVE: By the Y Tavern?
- 23 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes. Does everybody feel good
- 2.4 about that?
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: May 14 at Fire Station 88.

- 1 BUD VAN CLEVE: At the Y Tavern.
- 2 VALERIE LANE: It's gone.
- 3 ERIC WAEHLING: For those that need to leave, please
- 4 feel free, we'll continue our discussions here tonight.
- 5 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Just a clarification quickly.
- 6 Your key on this map has a deep monitoring well, shallow
- 7 monitoring well, do you have a range of depths that those
- 8 were -- what distinguishes a shallow and a deep?
- 9 GAYNOR DAWSON: Shallow is first encounter
- 10 groundwater. Deep, the attempt was you -- that you had to
- 11 encounter the Troutdale before you could do deep. That's true
- 12 of one, two, three and four deep. Five deep, because they
- 13 encountered weathered bedrock before they encountered the
- 14 Troutdale, it only went 62 feet. I can't give you a depth,
- 15 without looking at the data. Those were the field guides that
- 16 the driller was given.
- 17 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Can you tell me a couple
- 18 depths of the one right by Demo 2?
- 19 GAYNOR DAWSON: No.
- 20 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: You have 11S and 9S.
- 21 GAYNOR DAWSON: I don't remember off the top of my
- 22 head.
- 23 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: You don't even know if it was
- 24 15 feet?
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: I don't.

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: They were standing in water when
- 2 they were drilling it, so they're not terribly deep.
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: Shallow ones.
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: Demo 2.
- 5 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: They're seven thousand feet
- 6 away.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: They're not seven thousand feet
- 8 away.
- 9 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: How far are they?
- 10 GAYNOR DAWSON: Seven thousand is over a mile.
- 11 ERIC WAEHLING: Up to a thousand feet away.
- 12 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: You sampled just the water
- 13 that I can dig a hole and get to?
- 14 GAYNOR DAWSON: The screens are 10 to 15 feet long.
- 15 You have 10 to 15 feet of the saturated zone that you're
- 16 encountering and taking a sample from all of that mixed. It's
- 17 not just the surface two inches of water that you encounter,
- 18 $\,$ it's 10 to 15 feet. I have to look at the well to tell you
- 19 whether it's 10 to 15. They vary depending on how deep
- 20 bedrock was and so forth.
- 21 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: You feel that could be a
- 22 representative sample of potential contaminants from 700 feet
- 23 away?
- 24 GAYNOR DAWSON: Absolutely.
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: Yeah.

- 1 JEROEN KOK: Ian has put quite a bit of effort into
- 2 developing a whole bunch of questions. I think we should turn
- 3 it over to Ian.
- 4 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Are we moving from him?
- 5 ERIC WAEHLING: The hydro questions?
- 6 JEROEN KOK: Right.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: Gaynor has responses. We were
- 8 trying to tick off a couple of them.
- 9 GAYNOR DAWSON: Do you want me to give these to
- 10 them?
- 11 ERIC WAEHLING: Just take a couple and do a better
- 12 job explaining.
- 13 GAYNOR DAWSON: Are you comfortable with number one
- 14 relative to hydraulic conductivity and velocity?
- 15 IAN RAY: No. They're both the same units and both
- 16 talk about speed velocity.
- 17 GAYNOR DAWSON: One is actually how fast the
- 18 groundwater molecule moves. The second is the conductance or
- 19 the ability to allow water to move through a matrix.
- 20 Yes, they have the same units. That's because one
- 21 of them is multiplied by a unitless factor to become a
- 22 velocity.
- 23 IAN RAY: They become important to me as I read 7.1,
- 24 geology in conclusions, which your company did not write, as a
- 25 way of straightening out the confusion between slug tests and

- 1 hydraulic conductivities, what they mean or might mean to the
- 2 flow of the contaminated groundwater out of Landfill 4.
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: Sure. Maybe I can help by giving
- 4 you an idea of what a slug test is and how it works. Are you
- 5 familiar with that? Just stop me if I get too basic here.
- 6 I'm not sure I know the audience's understanding level.
- 7 DON WASTLER: I have been interrupted in the middle
- 8 of what I was saying in lieu of the agenda of these meetings
- 9 before. Now everybody's gone. I had some things to address
- 10 Clark County with in the open discussion. It's gone, it's
- 11 history. I have to wait another month before I can do it now.
- 12 Commissioner Stanton said at the last meeting we would be in
- 13 communication. We're not in communication. We're lost. It's
- 14 history. Everybody's gone. What I had to say was important,
- 15 very important. It had something to do with every single
- 16 person in this room, Camp Bonneville and every single person
- 17 in this country. But everybody is too busy worrying about
- 18 the --
- 19 (Mr. Wastler leaves the meeting.)
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: If I could take the opportunity for
- 21 a quick second.
- 22 DAWN HOPPER: Sorry we have to leave also. I wanted
- 23 to let everybody know there's a meeting being held, it will be
- 24 an open house, public meeting for the Enforcement Order. It's
- 25 on April 29th. We'll be mailing information to each of you

- 1 about it. It's in Vancouver at the Water Resources
- 2 Educational Center. It will be in the evening.
- 3 It's a combination of open house public meeting. It
- 4 runs from 6 to 9. First hour is an open house where people
- 5 can come and ask questions of the Army, the County will be
- 6 there. Ecology is hosting the meeting. There will be a
- 7 presentation made by Ecology about the proposed order, then
- 8 questions and comments will be entertained and we'll answer as
- 9 many of them as we can during the meeting. The focus of the
- 10 meeting will be on the Enforcement Order. You'll all get
- 11 something in the mail, but I wanted to let you know so you can
- 12 put it on your calendars.
- 13 ED MARSH: Where?
- 14 BUD VAN CLEVE: Water Resources.
- 15 DAWN HOPPER: Water Resources Education Center.
- 16 KAREN KINGSTON: What time?
- 17 DAWN HOPPER: 6 to 9:00. 7:00 is the presentation.
- 18 KAREN KINGSTON: How are you notifying the public?
- 19 DAWN HOPPER: There will be display ads put in the
- 20 local papers and a mailing list is being developed that will
- 21 be sent out to individuals, plus specific people that are on
- 22 mailing lists for the County or Army with regard to this
- 23 project.
- 24 KAREN KINGSTON: Are you going to be sending out to
- 25 the direct neighbors around Camp Bonneville?

- 1 DAWN HOPPER: Yes.
- KAREN KINGSTON: How did you get that? From tax
- rolls?
- DAWN HOPPER: The County is pulling that together
- for me. I'm not sure. They're looking at a one-mile radius.
- BUD VAN CLEVE: You're going to be sending out
- e-mail notice?
- 8 DAWN HOPPER: Probably not. It will probably just
- be by hard copy, post mail, largely because we're going to
- 10 mail it out right away and don't have an e-mail list
- 11 developed, but we'll have a post mail list developed.
- 12 BUD VAN CLEVE: Will Holly Gail get the information?
- 13 DAWN HOPPER: I don't know who that is.
- 14 BUD VAN CLEVE: Neighborhood coordinator for the
- 15 County.
- 16 JEROEN KOK: I'll talk to Don about that.
- 17 ERIC WAEHLING: It will be published in the
- 18 newspapers.
- 19 DAWN HOPPER: Thanks for letting me interrupt. See
- you next time. I hope I see you on the 29th. Call me if you 20
- 21 have any questions about it.
- 22
- ERIC WAEHLING: Gaynor.
 GAYNOR DAWSON: Ready to try again? 23
- 2.4 The proposition here is we're trying to figure out
- 25 how easy or hard is it to make water flow through this system.

- 1 A slug test, the premise here is, you take a slug, you put it
- 2 in the well. A typical way they might do that is with a
- 3 baler, a cylinder that's dropped into the well. It displaces
- 4 its volume in water. So as that goes down in the well, two
- 5 things happen: water starts rushing out this way, but water
- 6 also goes up the pipe because it's just got to move out of the
- 7 way to make room for that cylinder.
- 8 They measure how long it takes for this water level
- 9 to go back down to where it was. That gives them a measure of
- 10 what's the acceptance of this system to water? How easy is it
- 11 to move water out in this system? There are formulas from
- 12 which you take that and you can calculate what its hydraulic
- 13 conductivity was.
- 14 Then they'll remove that cylinder. Now they've got
- 15 a hole in the water, and the water's rushing back in to fill
- 16 the hole. They measure how long it takes for the water level
- 17 to come back again. So now I have a measure of how easy it
- 18 was to get water in, how easy it was to get water out.
- 19 Another way they may do that is put a slug of water
- 20 itself in the well, drop it in, see how long it takes for it
- 21 to come back to normal level.
- 22 That's what a slug test is. It's measuring -- as
- 23 you can tell, there's no way to measure velocity from that.
- 24 But they know the area of the screen and they know how long it
- 25 takes to re-equilibrate. That tells them how much water

- 1 passes over a period of time through a section or a square
- 2 area of screen. It's a flux measurement. You have gallons of
- 3 water per square foot per second. What's a gallon?
- 4 IAN RAY: It's a quantity.
- 5 GAYNOR DAWSON: It's a volume. If you convert that,
- 6 you get cubic feet per square feet per second. When you
- 7 cancel those out, that ends up feet per second. It has the
- 8 same unit as velocity.
- 9 IAN RAY: First thing occurs to me, it's also done
- 10 in a very local place.
- 11 GAYNOR DAWSON: Absolutely.
- 12 IAN RAY: Not applicable to anyplace else.
- 13 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's very true. That's the major
- 14 flaw with a slug test. It's a test done to give you a
- 15 preliminary idea of hydraulic conductivity.
- 16 What we typically do some point after this is run
- 17 what's called a pump test where we will have a number of
- 18 wells, and we'll start drawing water down, measure how far
- 19 down these other wells are drawn and over what time period,
- 20 and we'll graph it out and see how they recover. From that,
- 21 we get this same kind of measure over a much larger area and
- 22 more meaningful number.
- 23 Slug tests are very limited value, you're absolutely
- 24 correct.
- 25 IAN RAY: Am I up still?

- 1 GAYNOR DAWSON: Do you want me to go through this
- 2 list3
- 3 IAN RAY: As long as we can stand it.
- 4 GAYNOR DAWSON: Number two, you were looking for a
- 5 conversion factor. It's going to be best when I give you the
- 6 paper. Does he have a copy?
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: No, but --
- 8 GAYNOR DAWSON: Basically you have centimeters per
- 9 second.
- 10 IAN RAY: I agree with that, by the way. It's the
- 11 right number. I've done it myself. Also in this geology
- 12 conclusions here, the negative exponent operators here, like
- 13 $\,$ 10 to the minus six, that moves the decimal place over six
- 14 places to the left.
- 15 GAYNOR DAWSON: Right.
- 16 IAN RAY: The velocity in that number, one million
- 17 three hundred something is really quite high. When it's 10 to
- 18 the minus 3, it's really quite high. It's like a thousand
- 19 feet a year.
- 20 GAYNOR DAWSON: 10 to the minus three is considered
- 21 a pretty productive aquifer.
- 22 IAN RAY: So you have water moving at a thousand
- 23 feet a year.
- 24 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's right.
- 25 IAN RAY: If it's flowing out of Landfill 4 at a

- 1 thousand feet a year, that's only two years till it gets to
- 2 the Troutdale aquifer. I wonder, is that true?
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm not aware of anybody having
- 4 measured a hydraulic conductivity out here of that. I would
- 5 be highly suspect of that number because I've seen how long
- 6 those holes out there in Landfill 4 hold water.
- 7 IAN RAY: How about then slug tests revealing 825
- 8 feet per year?
- 9 GAYNOR DAWSON: 825 feet per year is a whole lot
- 10 less than a million feet per year.
- 11 IAN RAY: This is true. When you divide that into
- 12 2,000 feet, it's not very many years. 2,000 divided by 825 is
- 13 what, three years?
- 14 GAYNOR DAWSON: But that's a conductivity number,
- 15 right?
- 16 IAN RAY: It's a slug test.
- 17 GAYNOR DAWSON: Aren't they saying that's the
- 18 conductivity they measured from the slug test? Remember what
- 19 I told you before, that groundwater velocity --
- 20 IAN RAY: I'm sorry, it calls it groundwater
- 21 velocity.
- 22 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'd have to look at what you're
- 23 reading.
- 24 IAN RAY: That's what it says.
- 25 GAYNOR DAWSON: I understand. I need to put it in

- 1 context to answer your question.
- 2 IAN RAY: Okay.
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: Where are we? "Based on the slug
- 4 test data, groundwater is estimated"... That's exactly right.
- 5 All I can say is it goes right back to your earlier statement.
- 6 What they've just measured is what's the velocity in this
- 7 little area around that well.
- 8 To the extent that does not represent the 2,000 feet
- 9 or the 10,000 feet you're worried about getting off-site, that
- 10 water is of very limited value to you. As we move to a stage
- 11 where we need to start making those calculations, absolutely
- 12 need to look at something like a pump test, and it should be a
- 13 72-hour pump test, that's the only way to get a reliable over
- 14 a big enough area to mean anything. It's a very preliminary
- 15 number. That's all I can say.
- 16 I'll give you an example. If you and I were little
- 17 tiny people and we're marching around in the mortar here, we'd
- 18 look around and say this is pretty permeable. But we're too
- 19 far away to realize it's really not very permeable at all.
- 20 It's a matter of scale. Those slug tests are on a very small
- 21 scale.
- 22 IAN RAY: These questions are really derived from
- 23 the conclusions drawn by the company that made this
- 24 investigation.
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: URS's report.

- 1 GAYNOR DAWSON: I've not read the report. 2 ERIC WAEHLING: Gaynor may have seen it, but he
- didn't write it, just so you know. He's helping me out here
- to try to explain.
- 5 IAN RAY: I'll take my answers from Eric, as he has
- said, he has them in writing.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: That's fine. We can give them to
- 8 you.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: I'd like number five answered.
- 10 ERIC WAEHLING: It's on the back page.
- 11 GAYNOR DAWSON: Weathered bedrock question?
- 12 KAREN KINGSTON: Yes.
- 13 GAYNOR DAWSON: Not having read the report, I have
- 14 to assume what they're saying is they don't have enough wells
- 15 properly spaced in the weathered bedrock to be able to draw
- 16 the potential metric surface and say where water would flow.
- 17 ERIC WAEHLING: Actually, I had that discussion with
- 18 URS. That's exactly what they're saying.
- 19 KAREN KINGSTON: Number two: Why are the users of
- 20 the Troutdale aquifer not mentioned as potential human
- 21 receptors?
- 22 GAYNOR DAWSON: I have to assume that's an
- 23 oversight. Obviously, that is the key groundwater receptor,
- 2.4 from my perspective. That's why we were so interested in
- 25 trying to find it and locate it.

- 1 KAREN KINGSTON: Number three: How can Lacamas
- 2 Creek be not considered a critical habitat since the surveys
- 3 are incomplete and certain confirmed threatened or endangered
- 4 plant species are found in Camp Bonneville?
- 5 ERIC WAEHLING: Ian, you have my only copy of the
- 6 answers. I can try to answer. I'll hand you this and e-mail
- you the response, too, as well.
- 8 GAYNOR DAWSON: That's not a groundwater question.
- 9 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Number three.
- 10 ERIC WAEHLING: Fish and Wildlife determines.
- 11 KAREN KINGSTON: Fish and Wildlife?
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: They determine what is critical
- 13 habitat. They define what meets the standard for critical
- 14 habitat. By that definition, Lacamas Creek doesn't meet it.
- 15 That doesn't mean it's not significant. It's very significant
- 16 in that we want to make sure we're protective of it, but it
- 17 doesn't meet the legal definition of critical habitat.
- 18 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I have a question that I
- 19 found on that. I wanted Ecology here to ask it. Can I just
- 20 hold on to this page?
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: Of course, you can. I'm not a Fish
- 22 and Wildlife expert by any stretch.
- 23 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Let me ask you this. I want
- 24 to ask it again before Ecology. Ecology commented, made a
- 25 recommendation, that since the dam blocks the passage of fish

- 1 over Lacamas Creek and appears to no longer be used, which is
- 2 for logging, that Ecology may wish to require modification of
- 3 the dam or petition the owner to remove it. In a response
- 4 from you, you said the BEC will investigate and provide info.
- 5 That's the part I have for you. But then I want to ask
- 6 Ecology.
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: I said that?
- 8 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Yes.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm not going to deny I said that.
- 10 I'm not entirely sure how I can elucidate upon what the owner
- 11 of that dam will do with it. I can tell you I went and looked
- 12 at it. It's a big dam. It's not a Bonneville Dam, but it's
- 13 more than just a berm.
- 14 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Did you investigate to see
- 15 the potential?
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: I didn't, no. That's the truth, I
- 17 didn't.
- 18 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: Are you going to?
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: Into the potential of adding a fish
- 20 ladder or something?
- 21 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: No. Ecology is looking at
- 22 petitioning to remove it. That's the question I have for
- 23 Ecology, which you can't answer that. I wanted to know why
- 24 you responded that way?
- 25 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm not sure.

- 1 ED MARSH: If you bring that sergeant back down from
- 2 Fort Lewis with his C4...
- 3 ERIC WAEHLING: They'd take care of it in a hurry.
- 4 To be honest, Christine, if I responded that way,
- 5 I'm not sure what I was thinking.
- 6 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: So you're not going to do it?
- 7 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm not sure what you're asking me
- 8 to look into. The petitioning of the removal of the dam?
- 9 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: You were going to investigate
- 10 and provide info back to Ecology. You responded that way.
- 11 ERIC WAEHLING: I'm not saying I didn't say that.
- 12 I'm having a hard time recollecting exactly what I could look
- 13 into.
- 14 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I'll ask when Ecology is here
- 15 and maybe they can recall.
- 16 ERIC WAEHLING: You might want to ask Chris. That
- 17 sounds like something Chris -- I know he's particularly
- 18 interested in things like that, Chris Maurer. You can ask
- 19 anybody at Ecology. Sounds like something he might think of.
- 20 KAREN KINGSTON: Question over here?
- 21 IAN RAY: Are we going to get a cost of Landfill 4
- 22 ESI from start to today?
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: Yes.
- 24 IAN RAY: How about will the RAB and community
- 25 review the regulators' comments with Landfill 4 ESI final

- 1 comments?
- 2 ERIC WAEHLING: They're all incorporated in the
- documents. In the repositories, in the front of the document,
- 4 is a matrix with all the comments and responses to the
- 5 comments, in each one of those. This is one of the oversights
- 6 missing from the repositories that we're correcting. Also
- 7 we're going to include the copies of the original letters that
- 8 we received. They're already there. They're represented.
- 9 We're going to add copies of the original letters on
- 10 letterhead.
- 11 KAREN KINGSTON: So the cost?
- 12 ERIC WAEHLING: The cost to date for the Landfill 4
- 13 expanded site investigation work, that's everything to date,
- 14 it's approximately \$1.3 million.
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: Why don't you give the cost to date
- 16 for Gaynor Dawson's company.
- 17 GAYNOR DAWSON: Eric has no idea because I actually
- 18 work for the Pentagon. I'm free to Eric. Does not come out
- 19 of the Bonneville budget. That's why he asked me to do so
- 20 much.
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: You do not come out of the
- 22 Bonneville budget?
- 23 GAYNOR DAWSON: No. I'm funded directly through the
- 24 Pentagon.
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: How is that?

- 1 GAYNOR DAWSON: Because the Pentagon is very
- 2 interested in moving this along. My original job was really
- 3 just to come out and look for some ways to help whisper in
- 4 Eric's ear how he might go faster. Somewhere along the line,
- 5 he convinced me I ought to actually do something.
- 6 Because it's such a high priority for the Pentagon,
- 7 they've agreed to allow us to take more of a hands-on role and
- 8 do things that he can't get done faster.
- 9 KAREN KINGSTON: Interesting. Who do you report to?
- 10 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm a subcontractor to a company
- 11 called SMI, who reports to Mark Jones, the money man at the
- 12 Pentagon's BRAC office.
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: Do you want his phone number?
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: Uh-huh.
- 15 GAYNOR DAWSON: I work on probably 10, 12 different
- 16 bases around the country. If you're really anxious to hear
- 17 numbers, I guess Mark could tell you what we get a year. Off
- 18 the top of my head, I couldn't even tell you how much of that
- 19 goes to Bonneville. I really don't know. I do whatever Eric
- 20 asks me to do.
- 21 ERIC WAEHLING: Within reason.
- 22 KAREN KINGSTON: Mark Jones.
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: His phone number is 703-695-9507.
- 24 Do you want his e-mail?
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: Okay.

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: It's Mark.Jones@HQDA.Army.Mil.
- 2 KAREN KINGSTON: Interesting.
- 3 GAYNOR DAWSON: It's HQDA.
- 4 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I have a follow up. The
- 5 reason why I asked that question about the comments is that if
- 6 the dam is removed, then it could be deemed critical habitat
- 7 by Ecology if it's removed.
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: Okay.
- 9 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: I was following up with him.
- 10 You talked about critical habitat. Here is a direct -- you
- 11 can fill in the blanks.
- 12 KAREN KINGSTON: If the dam is removed, it becomes
- 13 critical habitat.
- 14 ERIC WAEHLING: Ecology may petition to have it
- 15 removed.
- 16 KAREN KINGSTON: I doubt it now.
- 17 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: It's in black and white. I
- 18 didn't do anything new.
- 19 ERIC WAEHLING: I'll ask Ecology. I'm not sure if
- 20 we'll --
- 21 KAREN KINGSTON: Did you look at residential wells
- 22 to determine your site model? You said you did kind of a
- 23 study.
- 24 GAYNOR DAWSON: There are no residential wells on
- 25 the site. The conceptual model we put together was strictly

- 1 for the Camp Bonneville site itself. We did not go off base
- 2 at this point in time.
- 3 KAREN KINGSTON: Wouldn't that give you the well
- 4 logs? The data from the well logs are so complete, wouldn't
- 5 that give you, if anything, the counter-check to make sure?
- 6 GAYNOR DAWSON: It would tell us what's off-site.
- 7 It won't tell us anything about what's on-site. My experience
- 8 is private residential well logs are often very, very
- 9 inaccurate because a lot of them are older wells. A lot of
- 10 the drillers did not keep good wells in the days when a lot of
- 11 these wells were drilled. A lot of times they don't exist.
- 12 The terminology and everything else used is very difficult to
- 13 equate to current monitoring well logs.
- 14 At this point in time we focused on what is within
- 15 Camp Bonneville and how it will affect any plume we find on
- 16 the camp and its ability to get off-site and cause problems
- 17 off-site.
- 18 To the extent we have those kind of problems, you're
- 19 absolutely right, the model has to be extended out into other
- 20 areas. Until we have a notion that there's a problem out
- 21 there, it's really not something you want to spend a lot of
- 22 money on.
- 23 KAREN KINGSTON: I'm following.
- 24 ED MARSH: Did you do any sampling of the FBI's
- 25 range, as well?

- 1 ERIC WAEHLING: We sampled your well as part of the
- 2 Landfill 4 investigation.
- 3 ED MARSH: Any problems?
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: No.
- 5 JEROEN KOK: As long as you're not drinking the
- 6 water.
- 7 GAYNOR DAWSON: They did find Jimmy Hoffa down
- 8 there.
- 9 IAN RAY: You started out talking about inside-out
- 10 and outside-in methods. If in the beginning four years ago we
- 11 would have gone inside-out and just dug out Landfill 4,
- 12 wouldn't all of this stuff be -- it wouldn't even have been
- done, we'd have removed the source of the contamination?
- 14 GAYNOR DAWSON: I'm not sure I understand exactly
- 15 what you're saying. What I will tell you is, it was my
- 16 recommendation to remove Landfill 4. I've been pushing very
- 17 hard to get it done. We're trying real hard. Our problem, if
- 18 we have one, is going to be getting through the safety board
- 19 and everything else in a timely fashion.
- 20 ERIC WAEHLING: I think what Ian is asking, if we
- 21 had gone in there and dug the thing out in the first place,
- 22 would we have to be worrying about these discussions?
- 23 IAN RAY: Yes.
- 24 ERIC WAEHLING: I think the answer is yes. What had
- 25 escaped over the 40-year history of that site would still be

- in the water and we'd still be having to ask these questions.
- 2 CHRISTINE SUTHERLAND: 40 years? It was there from
- 3 '39.
- 4 ERIC WAEHLING: 60 years. Anyway, the long history.
- 5 The stuff that's already in the groundwater would still be in
- 6 the groundwater four years later or 60 years later. It's
- taken 60 years for whatever is there to get there.
- 8 KAREN KINGSTON: No, no, no.
- 9 ERIC WAEHLING: Maybe I'm misunderstanding the
- 10 question.
- 11 GAYNOR DAWSON: The faster you remove the source,
- 12 the better off you are, right. You're worried about what's
- 13 in --
- 14 KAREN KINGSTON: You can't turn around and equate,
- 15 "It's been there 60 years, it's only that far." You have to
- 16 take the degrading of the contaminants that are in there, the
- 17 munitions that are buried there.
- 18 GAYNOR DAWSON: The perchlorate does not degrade,
- 19 cannot degrade.
- 20 KAREN KINGSTON: No, no, no, I'm talking about the
- 21 munitions that are there are degrading. They're going to
- 22 create more contamination as they degrade.
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: That's not at all what I meant. All
- 24 I meant was over 60 years, something was added to the
- 25 groundwater. Even if we had removed it, it would still be in

- 1 the groundwater today. We'd still have to do these ongoing
- 2 studies and putting wells in to define the edge of the plume.
- 3 That was my only point. I wasn't trying to say --
- 4 KAREN KINGSTON: I wanted to make that clear.
- 5 How are we doing, Ian?
- 6 IAN RAY: That's enough for me. If I could have
- 7 these written answers.
- 8 ERIC WAEHLING: I'll e-mail them to you.
- 9 IAN RAY: I'll study them sometime when I want to
- 10 take a nap.
- 11 JEROEN KOK: Can you e-mail those to everybody on
- 12 the RAB?
- 13 ERIC WAEHLING: Everybody whose e-mail I have.
- 14 Shall we adjourn?
- 15 KAREN KINGSTON: The Army's obligation to the
- 16 community RAB, I'm not talking about the public, I'm talking
- 17 about the community RAB, is to educate us, to bring us to
- 18 speed so that we may advise. I'm disappointed that more of
- 19 the community RAB members did not stay to glean something from
- 20 this education process. But the ones that did, thank you very
- 21 much. Thank you, Chuck, also for staying and listening. But
- I do feel it's the obligation of the Army to educate us.
- 23 ERIC WAEHLING: That's what we're trying to do here
- 24 today.
- 25 KAREN KINGSTON: Good job.

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 1 ERIC WAEHLING: Thank you, Gaynor.
2 GAYNOR DAWSON: You're welcome.
3 ERIC WAEHLING: Anybody want to motion to adjourn?
  4 JEROEN KOK: Motion to adjourn.
  5 ERIC WAEHLING: Seconded?
     IAN RAY: Second.
 7 ERIC WAEHLING: Thank you very much.
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     (Meeting adjourned.)
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     THE FOLLOWING ARE WRITTEN RESPONSES REQUESTED TO BE
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     INSERTED INTO THE OFFICIAL RECORD. THE FIRST CONSISTS OF THE
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     COUNTY Q&A, FOLLOWED BY RESPONSES BY GAYNOR DAWSON.
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     COUNTY Q&A
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    Predetermined questions and clarifications fielded
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     by county officials. Officials to include: Judie Stanton,
     Pete Capell, Bill Barron, Bronson Potter and Brian Vincent.
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    Question No. 1: What is the County's opinion of the
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 24 environmental assessment - response to comments? Are you
 25 satisfied with it? This document was distributed by the Corps
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- 1 of Engineers last month.
- 2 Response: The Army appears to have reviewed and
- 3 answered the questions within the context of the EA. The
- 4 responses appeared to be factual for the time frame in which
- 5 it was developed, noting that the document is static. Several
- 6 of the comments and questions are valid, however, and are more
- 7 appropriately discussed when and if development of the site
- 8 occurs. Many of the issues raised are being dealt with via
- 9 the characterization of the site.
- 10 Question No. 2: Why did the engineering assessment
- and the cost analysis in November 1998 and April 1999 fail?
- 12 Response: The methodology for characterization of
- 13 the site was based on statistics. The decision-makers for the
- 14 respective "sides" could not reach consensus on a method.
- 15 Question No. 3: Are there parallels between then
- 16 and the present situation, in terms of the characterization
- 17 (or lack of) of the site?
- 18 Response: The present characterization is based
- 19 upon the end reuse of the site. The reuse was created via a
- 20 robust public process in 1997 and is accepted by both parties.
- 21 Any differences in the acceptability of the characterization
- 22 will be resolved via the cost negotiations. At present, Army,
- 23 County and DOE appear to be finding an acceptable level of
- 24 characterization.
- 25 Question No. 4: Can a valid cost analysis be

- 1 done... without knowing how much digging of "anomalies" and
- 2 remediation of groundwater contamination there will be?
- 3 Response: No, a valid cost analysis cannot be done
- 4 without knowing the extent of the work. That is exactly the
- 5 basis behind the work currently underway. Once an agreed
- 6 scope of work is developed, the cost negotiations will yield a
- 7 transfer amount. Should more cleanup be required or the costs
- 8 exceed what was transferred, either the Army will fund the
- 9 increase or the insurance will. The Army remains the liable
- 10 party for any cleanup required.
- 11 Question No. 5A: What length of term insurance is
- 12 the County exploring?
- 13 Response: Long-term, if not in perpetuity, then at
- 14 least 30 years.
- 15 Question No. 5B: What companies have you surveyed,
- 16 names?
- 17 Response: It is premature to begin soliciting
- 18 insurance carriers until we finalize the scope of the cleanup
- 19 and the probable cost. We anticipate preliminary contact in
- 20 late April or early May.
- 21 Question No. 5C: Please read the provision in any
- 22 possible policy that would include coverage for human harm
- 23 from military waste.
- 24 Response: Agreed.
- 25 Question No. 5D: Please read the provision covering

- 1 human or personal property injury due to UXO.
- 2 Response: Agreed.
- 3 Question No. 6: Does a future minor or major change
- 4 in the land reuse alter or void insurance policies?
- 5 Response: Unknown. Would depend on the extent of
- 6 the modification. It is the County's position that we have
- 7 some flexibility in that regard. While we have performed
- 8 planning, we would want the option of adjusting locations of
- 9 items based on other constraints (i.e. wetlands, habitat
- 10 issues, et cetera.)
- 11 Question No. 7: In the event the insurance company
- 12 fails or drops coverage, can Clark County risk financial
- 13 responsibility?
- 14 Response: County will not place itself to be in
- 15 such a position. Also, Army is ultimately responsible for
- 16 cleanup.
- 17 Question No. 8: Approximately how much will
- 18 insurance cost? Who pays for it? Who decides how much to
- 19 buy? Any public oversight here?
- 20 Response: Cost cannot be determined at this time.
- 21 Cost of cleanup, level of controls, regulator "buy-in," et
- 22 cetera, will all play in the "premium" the insurance company
- 23 will charge. Army pays premium. Typically, the "coverage" is
- 24 100% over the cost of the cleanup. Appropriate professional
- 25 will be engaged in the identification and selection of a

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- 1 policy.
- 2 Question No. 9: Please discuss and clarify "split
- 3 transfer."
- 4 Response: It is the County's preference that the
- site be transferred as a single entity. The only "split" we
- 6 can envision is the 3,020 acres owned by the Army versus the
- 7 820 acres owned by the Washington Department of Natural
- 8 Resources and currently leased by Army. We are exploring
- 9 options that would enable a transfer of both parcels (total of
- 10 3,840 acres). There is no interest in either Army or County
- 11 in any kind of a partial transfer of the 3,020 acres.
- 12 Question No. 10: How will Clark County protect our
- 13 water?
- 14 Response: The County is committed to receiving a
- 15 site that is either clean, in the process of being cleaned, or
- 16 ensuring that it will be clean. Groundwater is a critical
- 17 component and is being addressed through this process. The
- 18 Washington DOE, Army and LRA are working together to detail
- 19 the steps to adequately identify groundwater hazards and
- 20 resultant remediation.
- 21 Question No. 11: Will you have "on-site" park
- 22 rangers?
- 23 Response: Yes, the County envisions at least two
- 24 full-time rangers, trained in UXO awareness identification and
- 25 possibly remediation.

- 1 Question No. 12: What are the plans long-term -
- 2 for the FBI? Will you allow them to expand?
- 3 Response: The reuse plan has identified the FBI as
- 4 a permitted activity. Their footprint on the site is limited
- 5 to what they currently use. We know of no plans for the FBI
- 6 to expand. At present, it is the County's position that they
- 7 do not expand due to surrounding other reuse activities.
- 8 However, if a need exists and a suitable locations and
- 9 protections, et cetera, are workable, the possibility for
- 10 expansion exists.
- 11 Question No. 13: Will local law enforcement play a
- 12 larger role in the use? Will this be in conjunction with the
- 13 FBI?
- 14 Response: The reuse plan identifies a location for
- 15 a law enforcement training center adjacent to the FBI range.
- 16 Ideally, some activities and space can be shared, thus
- 17 minimizing each party's costs and impact to the site.
- 18 Question No. 14: Do we charge the FBI for their
- 19 use? Will they be in charge when the park is closed?
- 20 Response: Subject to lease negotiations. The
- 21 County will be in charge of the park.
- 22 Question No. 15: Will the County seek some
- 23 acceptable statistical confidence level that the site
- 24 characterization is accurate?
- 25 Response: The County has engaged the services of a

- 1 professional firm to conduct an independent assessment of the
- 2 site characterization. Additionally, the Washington State
- 3 Department of Ecology has an independent review underway, as
- 4 well.
- 5 Question No. 16: When will the data be collected
- 6 regarding the required "digging" and remediation before or
- 7 after ownership and commitment to manage cleanup?
- 8 Response: The data collection and identification of
- 9 the cleanup effort is the basis for the transfer agreement
- 10 under an early transfer. County is not obligated to clean up
- 11 until all parties are in agreement, funds are transferred,
- 12 insurance instruments are in place and the deed is
- 13 transferred.
- 14 Question No. 17: According to the cleanup standard
- 15 practice, when you hire a contractor for a particular job, you
- 16 will receive from 5% to 15% as a commission. Where will that
- 17 money go? What County department is the recipient?
- 18 Response: The County does not have the expertise or
- 19 the in-house personnel to engage in the cleanup. The County,
- 20 as a public body, cannot receive a commission in the context
- 21 above. We will, however, have substantial management and
- 22 oversight responsibilities of the contract we will issue and
- 23 would expect that those costs are part of our overall transfer
- 24 cost of the site.
- 25 Question No. 18: What will you do about

- 1 trespassers?
- 2 Response: We have not fully investigated this
- 3 issue, but plan to have a security plan in place at the time
- 4 of transfer. However, adequate warning signage will certainly
- 5 be posted around the site warning of previous usage of the
- 6 site. Any trespassing will be dealt with in a similar manner
- 7 to any other regional park.
- 8 Question No. 19: What do you propose to mitigate
- 9 public safety on the hiking trails?
- 10 Response: Options are currently being explored.
- 11 Certainly, full clean up of the trail and surrounding "buffer
- 12 zone" and warning signage.
- 13 Question No. 20: Will you consider a veterans war
- 14 memorial or cemetery in the reuse?
- 15 Response: The reuse activity selection for this
- 16 site went through a rigorous public process. Cemetery and a
- 17 veterans memorial were not selected. Any future uses for the
- 18 park not currently identified may need to go through a similar
- 19 rigorous public review and selection process.
- 20 Question No. 21: Will you test the wildlife for
- 21 contamination levels in their blood?
- 22 Response: The County has no plan to test wildlife,
- 23 as our understanding is that the animal would need to be
- 24 destroyed to identify with any certainty of any
- 25 contaminations. Of course, if there is a reasonable suspicion

- 1 of a direct relationship to wildlife health and a suspected
- 2 source, some investigation would be prudent.
- 3 Question No. 22: Regarding timber revenue, current
- 4 UXO cleanup technology and the timber valuation on your
- 5 website assumes clear-cutting as a best-case scenario. Your
- 6 valuation was done in 1997 with a 5% gross profit reduction
- 7 due to lead and shrapnel in the timber. You claim your gross
- 8 profit for the logging will be \$12,762,000, and the net profit
- 9 will be \$6,125,000. Where do you stand on this today? Have
- 10 you conferred with the Department of Ecology? Have timber
- 11 cruisers reviewed current UXO data? Was your valuation done
- 12 by a logging company certified to cut in UXO areas?
- 13 Response: The timber revenue identified above is
- 14 not the "preferred alternative." While clear-cutting was an
- 15 opinion explored, the environmental impact was not consistent
- 16 with the County's desired end state. The 1997 revenue
- 17 projection for our preferred alternative of selective thinning
- 18 showed a net yield of \$200,000/year. While a timber
- 19 professional performed the work, the County recognizes that
- 20 UXO timber harvest is a special case and will be exploring a
- 21 more refined investigation of realistic revenue projections.
- 22 Question No. 23: Will Clark County set aside
- 23 special money for an "in case" or "bad faith"?
- 24 Response: The need for this should be negated or
- 25 minimized via the insurance and/or the Army's ultimate

- 1 responsibility. It is, however, a risk, not unlike other
- 2 risks the County must weigh. For that purpose, the County
- 3 maintains a risk fund.
- 4 Question No. 24: The Center for the Public
- 5 Environmental Oversight just published their \$90 million club.
- 6 Their data is compiled using the 2001 DERP Report. Camp
- 7 Bonneville made the list this year. Using DoD figures, 126
- 8 current and former facilities will cost a total of more than
- 9 \$90 million each to clean or otherwise address hazardous waste
- 10 contamination. The figures project \$91,319,000 for Camp
- 11 Bonneville. Will you get at least this much money?
- 12 Response: Without knowing the basis for how this
- 13 figure was arrived at, it should be viewed with scrutiny. It
- 14 is highly doubtful the cleanup costs will approach this
- 15 amount. The cost of the cleanup will soon be under
- 16 negotiation. Until we can perform an independent cost
- 17 estimate of this cleanup (based on any agreed level of
- 18 cleanup), it is not prudent to be issuing a projection of
- 19 cost.
- 20 Question No. 25: How much money is available in the
- 21 BRAC budgets for fiscal 2003 and 2004? How much has the Army
- offered as an incentive for the early transfer?
- 23 Response: Army has advised that their entire
- 24 (Department of Army wide) BRAC budget for FY03 is \$250
- 25 million. The FY04 budget goes to \$75 million \$80 million,

- 1 and the FY06 goes down to \$30 million. What this illustrates
- 2 is that there will be little funding available in future years
- 3 to ensure cleanup of the site. Thus, the incentive for early
- 4 transfer. Once an appropriate \$\$ transfer amount is
- 5 negotiated, part of the \$250 million is transferred to an
- 6 account available only for cleanup of Camp Bonneville.
- 7 Question No. 26: Is your early transfer money based
- 8 on a previous fiscal year?
- 9 Response: Early transfer money is based on FY03.
- 10 Question No. 27: Will you insist upon a RAB-type
- 11 community oversight committee when you are in ownership during
- 12 your cleanup?
- 13 Response: The County recognizes the value of our
- 14 constituents and is planning for some type of advisory board
- 15 for the Camp Bonneville site.
- 16 Question No. 28: Do you have an administrative
- 17 record, a counterpart, or something like it? Where is it
- 18 kept?
- 19 Response: The County at present does not have an
- 20 administrative record, as we have no ownership or privity of
- 21 information for the site. We do, however, have many (if not
- 22 all) the documents that the Army has developed in their
- 23 research. In addition, we have documents prepared for the
- 24 reuse process, as posted on the Camp Bonneville website.
- 25 Question No. 29: The LRA gathered its facts from

- 1 1994-1997 for 70% of its conclusions. Now that the LRA
- 2 consists primarily of our three Commissioners, what have you
- 3 done to add addendums and continuing statistical data to
- 4 update the Reuse Plan? If so, where can these documents be
- 5 viewed?
- 6 Response: The Reuse Plan was the result of
- 7 intensive research and public process. There is no plan to
- 8 alter the Reuse Plan. County is, however, updating cost
- estimates and revenue projections that were part of that plan
- 10 (inclusive of annexes).
- 11 Question No. 30: Who has been and who will be
- 12 paying the County attorney for their work on Camp Bonneville?
- 13 What fund or account?
- 14 Response: County staff is paid out of the
- 15 respective department budgets. These costs are being tracked
- 16 and reimbursement will be requested of the Army.
- 17 Question No. 31: How much has the County received,
- 18 thus far, in grant money with regard to restoration of Camp
- 19 Bonneville and consideration for ownership?
- 20 Response: The County received a grant in 1997 from
- 21 the Office of Economic Adjustment to develop the Reuse Plan.
- 22 Our records reflect that grant was on the order of \$125,000.
- 23 In addition, the LRA will be seeking additional grant funds of
- 24 up to \$100,000 from the Office of Economic Adjustment for a
- 25 refined and updated economic analysis of the Reuse Plan.

- 1 Question No. 32: Will you enlarge the roads to the
- 2 gates during cleanup?
- 3 Response: Road design is a result of function and
- 4 safety. It is premature to assess the need to improve these
- 5 roads until we know the extent of the cleanup, the schedule of
- 6 the cleanup, and the necessary equipment. It is highly
- 7 possible that the roads as present are adequate for the
- 8 cleanup effort.
- 9 Question No. 33: Six children have been killed at
- 10 closed transferred bases by the same kind of shells that we
- 11 have at Camp Bonneville. Will you put up eight-foot fences
- 12 and provide Guard sentries to protect our children?
- 13 Response: The issue is rightfully at the forefront
- 14 of everyone involved with the issue. This issue is central to
- what constitutes an "appropriate" level of cleanup or what
- 16 protections are in place. A fence of this style may be an
- 17 appropriate device in certain areas. County staff are not
- 18 only public servants, but are residents of the County, and
- 19 probable users of the site. The security plan will include
- 20 appropriate measures to protect human and environmental
- 21 health, in direct relation to the potential hazards which may
- 22 be encountered on the site before, during and after cleanup.
- 23 Note: The responses to these questions are based on
- 24 the best available information (to Clark County) as of 12 MAR
- 25 03. Some responses are subject to change as additional

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     information becomes available.
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     GAYNOR DAWSON Q&A
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     Landfill 4 ESI Draft Final, Section 7.1 Conclusions.
     Question No. 1: Clarify "hydraulic conductivity"
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     and "groundwater velocity" as the same or different?
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     Response: Hydraulic conductivity is different than
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     groundwater velocity. Groundwater velocity represents the
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     rate at which water flows through an aquifer or permeable
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     medium. Hydraulic conductivity is a parameter describing the
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     rate at which water can move through an aquifer or permeable
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     medium and is dependent on the properties of both the soil or
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     rock and the fluid. In simplified form, hydraulic
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     conductivity times porosity times hydraulic gradient equals
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    groundwater velocity.
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    Question No. 2: Provide conversion factor from
20 CM/SEC to FT/year - and put all results in FT/year.
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    Response: To convert from CM/SEC to FT/year,
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     multiply by 1,035,484.
     Question No. 3: Clarify "overburden wells,"
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     published value of "similar materials," and the logic of
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"probably not applicable."

- 1 Response: Overburden wells are the shallow wells
 - screened within the clayey-silty soils. Groundwater and
- 3 geotechnical engineering textbooks usually include a table of
- 4 published ranges of values of hydraulic conductivity for
- 5 different soil types. These tables are a compendium of
- 6 results from tens to hundreds of professional papers and
- 7 reports and are considered to be good average values. It
- 8 doesn't matter where the samples were taken since a soil
- 9 classified as a silt in Washington will end up giving a
- 10 similar hydraulic conductivity as a silt in, say, New York.
- 11 For example, C.W. Fetter (Applied Hydrogeology, 2nd
- 12 Edition, 1988) lists a range of hydraulic conductivity values
- 13 for clay of 0.000001 to 0.000000001 CM/SEC; and for silt,
- 14 sandy silts, clayey sands and glacial till (all combined) a
- 15 range of 0.0001 to 0.000001 CM/SEC.
- 16 The author of another text may have slightly
- 17 different MAX/MIN values because he may look at different
- 18 professional papers to compile his table.
- 19 Logic of stating groundwater velocities derived from
- 20 hydraulic conductivities (which themselves were calculated
- 21 based on slug tests) from overburden wells are probably not
- 22 applicable because the hydraulic conductivities calculated
- 23 from slug tests were generally much higher than published
- 24 values for similar soil types and were also much higher than
- 25 other site-specific hydraulic conductivity calculated from

- 1 recharge test analysis from wells L4-MW01A and L4-MW05A. The
- 2 slug-water response in overburden wells may not represent
- 3 change associated with the "aquifer" or saturated soil but may
- 4 be an artifact of the sand filter pack placed around the well
- 5 screen during construction.
- 6 Question No. 4: Clarify "Bouwer and Rice method."
- 7 Response: Bouwer and Rice method is a method of
- 8 slug test analysis that is most applicable to unconfined
- 9 aquifers or unconfined groundwater conditions. Overburden
- 10 wells are unconfined, hence Bouwer and Rice method applies.
- 11 Weathered bedrock wells exhibit some indications of being
- 12 confined, not unconfined, hence the assumptions built into the
- 13 Bouwer and Rice equation do not hold.
- 14 Question No. 5: Clarify why "regional groundwater
- 15 flow direction within the weathered bedrock is unknown."
- 16 Response: There are four weathered bedrock wells at
- 17 the site, providing some degree of certainty on localized
- 18 weathered bedrock flow at the site. However, there are no
- 19 wells off-site on more of a regional scale and verifiably
- 20 located within the same weathered bedrock unit to say with
- 21 certainty the direction of groundwater flow in the weathered
- 22 bedrock. It is believed that groundwater within the weathered
- 23 bedrock mimics topography, as does the overburden groundwater,
- 24 and that regional weathered bedrock flow is from higher
- 25 topographic elevation to lower topographic elevation region,

- which is from the northeast to southwest. 1
- Section 7.3 Conceptual Site Model.
- Question No. 1: Why is leaching into weathered
- bedrock not mentioned as a chemical release mechanism to the 4
- 5 environment?
- Response: Since overburden lies on top of weathered
- bedrock, leaching from the source would enter the overburden
- and not bedrock. Certainly contaminants are in weathered bedrock, however, they are transported there from the 8
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- 10 overburden soils via contaminant infiltration to groundwater.
- 11 Question No. 2: Why are users of the Troutdale
- 12 aquifer not mentioned as potential human receptors?
- 13 Response: Although "Troutdale" was not specifically
- 14 mentioned, it was implied in the statement "Potential human
- 15 receptors include... current and future off-site residents...
- 16 potentially exposed primarily by ingestion of groundwater or
- 17 surface water."
- 18 Question No. 3: How can Lacamas Creek be NOT
- 19 considered a critical habitat since the surveys are incomplete
- 20 (Endangered species Survey, PENTEC 1995) and certain confirmed
- 21 threatened or endangered plant species are found in Camp
- 22 Bonneville?
- 23 Response: Critical habitat is a legal designation
- 2.4 by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). While FWS is
- 25 supposed to designate critical habitat for all listed species,

- 1 in fact the process is quite onerous, and only about 10% of
- 2 all listed species have received critical habitat designation.
- 3 FWS has not designated critical habitat for any species at
- 4 Camp Bonneville. That is not to say, that in general terms,
- 5 the environment surrounding the location of a listed species
- 6 is not critical to its survival. The statement in the
- 7 document solely refers to FWS official designation (there is
- 8 none).
- 9 Figure 3-3 Does the Pt Troutdale formation extend
- 10 northeastward under the Qa alluvium?
- 11 Response: Based on how the Troutdale is drawn in
- 12 Figure 3-3 (interpretation from Shannon & Wilson, 1999), the
- 13 Troutdale pinches out completely underneath the Camp
- 14 Bonneville cantonment area and does not extend northeastward
- 15 under the Qa alluvium. The only deep well to the northeast of
- 16 this cantonment rather is the cantonment area supply well, and
- 17 there is no definitive indication the Troutdale is present at
- 18 that location.
- 19 Figure 3-4 Why does the figure show the area of
- 20 the landfill considerably smaller than walking the site
- 21 reveals bulldozer pilings westward and objects sticking out
- 22 of the ground?
- 23 Response: Limits of landfill shown on Figure 3-4
- 24 are as accurate as possible and are based on field
- 25 observations, topographic survey and analysis, and ground

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1 penetrating radar survey, which "sees" boundaries of disturbed
    soil below the surface. We realize landfill bounds may need
    to be adjusted if they are found to be something different.
    Question: Will the RAB and the community review the
    regulators' comments about the Landfill 4 ESI Draft Final?
    Response: Regulator' comments and the Army's
    response will be included in the Final Report.
 8 Question: What was the cost of Landfill 4 ESI from
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3	STATE OF WASHINGTON)) ss.
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6	I, Jaime S. Morrocco, a Notary Public for
7	Washington, certify that the Camp Bonneville Restoration Advisory Board Meeting here occurred at the time and place set forth in the caption hereof; that at said time and place I
8	reported in Stenotype all proceedings had in the foregoing matter; that thereafter my notes were reduced to typewriting
9	under my direction; and the foregoing transcript, pages 2 to 70 both inclusive, contains a full, true and correct record of
10	all such testimony adduced and oral proceedings had and of the whole thereof.
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